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**"I WOKE in TERROR-"
"THE FOUR PHANTOMS"
"SPIES CAN'T DIE"**

**AND OTHER STRANGE TALES
OF THE SUPERNATURAL!**

GOOD ADVICE TO READERS FOR BAD SKIN

**Stop Worrying About Pimples, Blackheads
and Other Externally Caused Skin Troubles
Try Skin Doctor's Amazing Simple Directions
and Be Thrilled with the Difference —**

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CLEARED IN ONLY ONE SHORT WEEK

By Betty Memphis

Have you ever stopped to realize that the leading screen stars whom you admire, as well as the beautiful models who have lovely, soft white skin, were all born just like you with a lovely smooth skin?

The truth is that many girls and women do not give their skin a chance to show off the natural beauty that lies hidden underneath those externally caused pimples, blackheads and irritations. For almost anyone can have the natural, normal complexion which is in itself beauty. All you have to do is follow a few amazingly simple rules.

Many women shut themselves out of the thrills of life — dates, romance, popularity, social and business success — only because sheer neglect has robbed them of the good looks, poise and feminine self-assurance which could so easily be theirs. Yes, everybody looks at your face. The beautiful complexion, which is yours for the asking, is like a permanent card of admission to all the good things of life that every woman craves. And it really can be yours — take my word for it! — no matter how discouraged you may be this very minute about those externally caused skin miseries.

Medical science gives us the truth about a lovely skin. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time cause the pores to become larger and more susceptible to dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores begin to form blackheads which become in-

fectured and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. When you neglect your skin by not giving it the necessary care, you leave yourself wide open to externally caused skin miseries. Yet proper attention with the double Viderm treatment may mean the difference between enjoying the confidence a fine skin gives you or the embarrassment of an ugly, unbeautiful skin that makes you want to hide your face.



The double Viderm treatment is a formula prescribed by a skin doctor with amazing success, and costs you only a few cents daily. This treatment consists of two jars. One contains Viderm Skin Cleanser, a jelly-like formula which penetrates and acts as an anti-septic upon your pores. After you use this special Viderm Skin Cleanser, you simply apply the Viderm Fortified Medicated Skin Cream. You rub this in, leaving an almost invisible protective covering for the surface of your skin.

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if it doesn't. Use it for only ten days. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose. It is a guaranteed treatment. Enjoy it. Your dream of a clear, smooth complexion may come true in ten days or less.

Use your double Viderm treatment every day until your skin is smoother and clearer. Then use it only once a week to remove stale make-up and dirt specks that infect your pores, as well as to aid in healing external irritations. Remember that when you help prevent blackheads, you also help to prevent externally caused skin miseries and pimples.

Incidentally, while your two jars and the doctor's directions are on their way to you, be sure to wash your face as often as necessary. First use warm water, then cleanse with water as cold as you can stand it, in order to freshen, stimulate and help close your pores. After you receive everything, read your directions carefully. Then go right to it and let these two fine formulas help your dreams of a beautiful skin come true.

Just mail your name and address to Betty Memphis, care of the New York Skin Laboratory, Inc., 246 Roebling St., Dept. 608, Bklyn., N. Y. By return mail you will receive the doctor's directions, and both jars, packed in a safety-sealed carton. On delivery, pay two dollars plus postage. If you wish, you can save the postage fee by mailing the two dollars with your letter. If you are in any way dissatisfied, your money will be cheerfully refunded. To give you an idea of how fully tested and proven the Viderm double treatment is, it may interest you to know that, up to this month, over two hundred and twelve thousand women have ordered it on my recommendation. If you could only see the thousands of happy, grateful letters that have come to me as a result, you would know the joy this simple treatment can bring. And, think of it! — the treatment must work for you, or it doesn't cost you a cent.



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The GHOST Gallery

BY
DREW
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"I WOKE IN TERROR— I COULD FEEL THE EVIL IN THE HOUSE... IT WAS ALL AROUND ME... STRONGER EVEN THAN THE BITING COLD. I WAS ALONE IN A STRANGE UNFRIENDLY ROOM AND THE FLICKERING CANDLE WAS MAKING HIDEOUS SHADOWS ON THE WALL... AS THOUGH A MAN WERE BEING MURDERED..."

BUT THE NEXT MORNING THINGS LOOKED BRIGHTER TO MARTHA GREY. THE SUN WAS SHINING. THEY HAD PROMISED TO CONNECT THE LIGHTS AND PHONE ON THE NEXT DAY... AND THE CHILDREN HAD FOUND A SNOWMAN TO PLAY WITH...

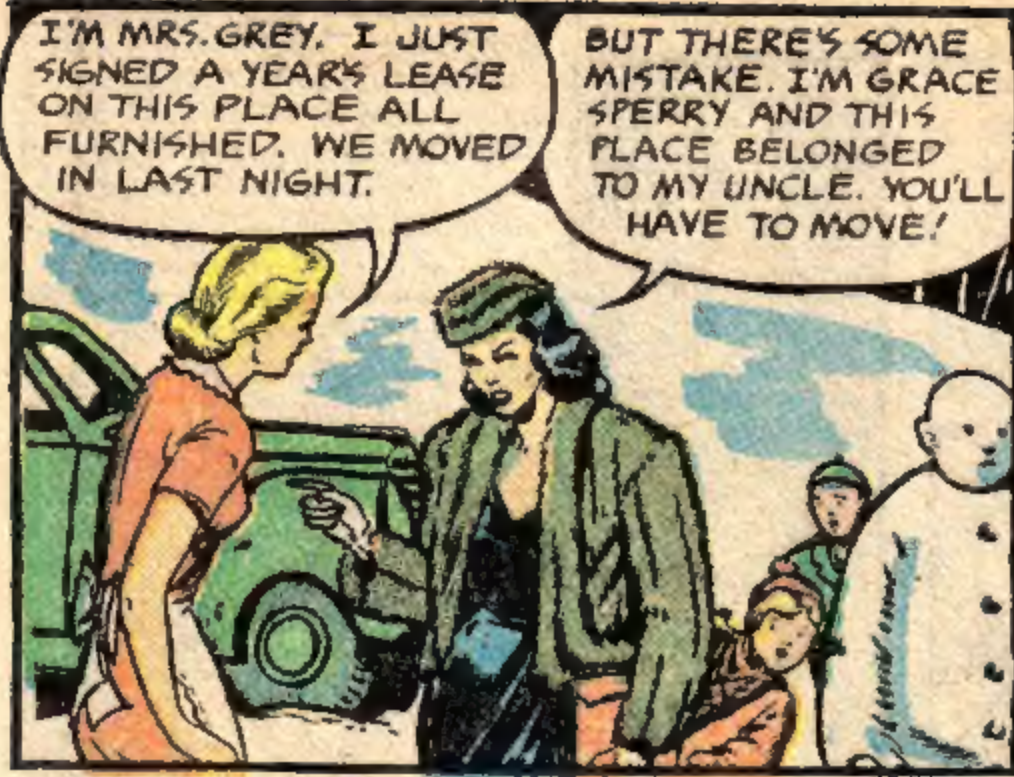
I WONDER WHO MADE IT, TOMMY. I DIDN'T SEE IT WHEN WE MOVED IN LAST NIGHT.

NOR I, JUDY. AND THE REAL ESTATE MAN SAID THE HOUSE HASN'T BEEN LIVED IN SINCE THE OWNER DISAPPEARED LAST MONTH. SOMEONE'S CALLING...

CHILDREN! CHILDREN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THAT YARD? GET OUT AT ONCE!

SHE MUST BE A NEIGHBOR WHO DOESN'T KNOW WE'VE MOVED IN.





I'M MRS. GREY. I JUST SIGNED A YEAR'S LEASE ON THIS PLACE ALL FURNISHED. WE MOVED IN LAST NIGHT.

BUT THERE'S SOME MISTAKE. I'M GRACE SPERRY AND THIS PLACE BELONGED TO MY UNCLE. YOU'LL HAVE TO MOVE!



AND AT ONCE TOO. YOU CAN FIND SOME OTHER PLACE NO DOUBT... OHHHH!



YOUR CHILDREN TRIPPED ME. I WANT YOU ALL OUT OF HERE BEFORE MIDNIGHT!

I'M SORRY YOU FELL. BUT I AM NOT GOING TO MOVE! THIS PLACE JUST SUITS US AND EVERYTHING IS LEGAL. GOODBYE, MISS SPERRY!



WE DIDN'T DO IT, MAMA. IT WAS THE SNOW MAN. I SAW HIM!

SO DID I. HE DROPPED THE STICK JUST AS SHE WALKED IN FRONT OF HIM. AND I'M GLAD HE DID!

"MARTHA TRIED TO FORGET THE UNPLEASANT VISITOR. BUT IT ALL ADDED TO THE UNEASINESS SHE HAD FELT THE NIGHT BEFORE. IT WAS GOOD SHE DIDN'T HEAR THE CONVERSATION IN THE CAR..."



SHE WON'T LEAVE, FRANK. THAT FOOL REAL ESTATE AGENT GAVE HER A LEASE AND SHE KNOWS HER RIGHTS.

ONCE WE GET RID OF THAT EVIDENCE, I DON'T CARE...

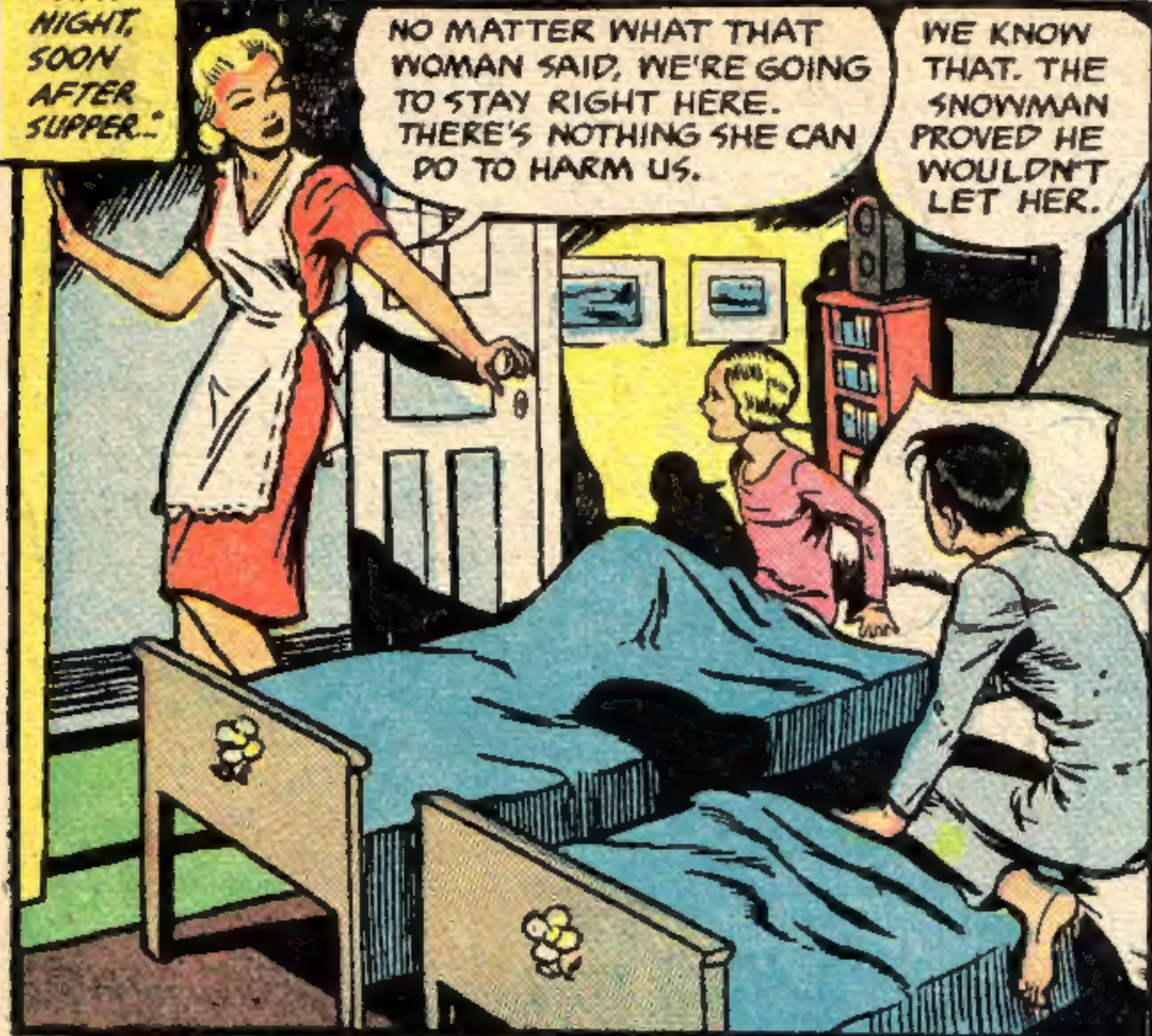


AND WE'RE GOING TO GET IT TONIGHT! WE'LL WAIT UNTIL MIDNIGHT AND TAKE IT OUT OF THE CELLAR!

"THAT NIGHT, SOON AFTER SUPPER..."

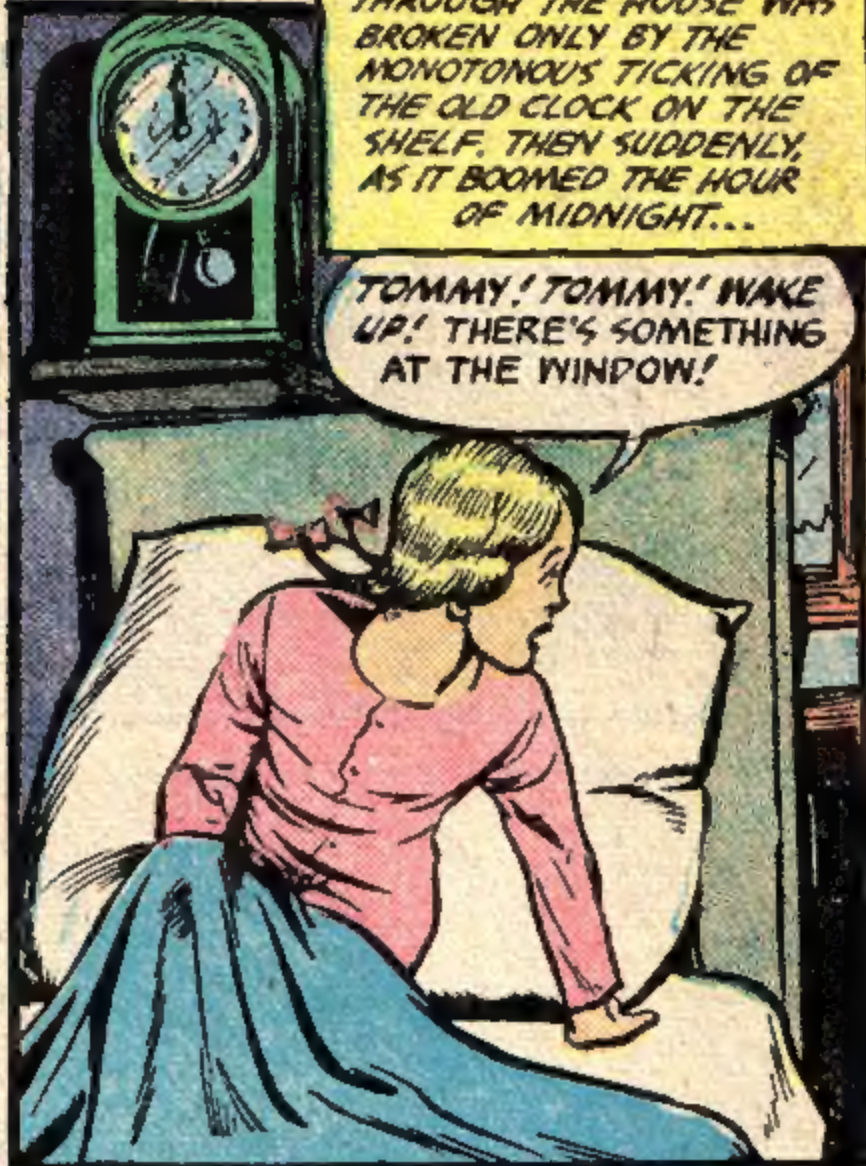
NO MATTER WHAT THAT WOMAN SAID, WE'RE GOING TO STAY RIGHT HERE. THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN DO TO HARM US.

WE KNOW THAT. THE SNOWMAN PROVED HE WOULDN'T LET HER.



"AND SOON THE STILLNESS THROUGH THE HOUSE WAS BROKEN ONLY BY THE MONOTONOUS TICKING OF THE OLD CLOCK ON THE SHELF. THEN SUDDENLY, AS IT BOOMED THE HOUR OF MIDNIGHT..."

TOMMY! TOMMY! WAKE UP! THERE'S SOMETHING AT THE WINDOW!



YOU JUST HAD A BAD DREAM, THERE'S NOTHING OUTSIDE... LISTEN... SOMETHING'S TAPPING ON THE PANE!

LOOK!...A HAND ALL WHITE AND ICY!

THE SNOWMAN! HE WANTS US TO OPEN THE WINDOW.



DO YOU SEE SOMETHING BEHIND IT?

A...A...GHOST! HE'S CALLING TO US...LISTEN!

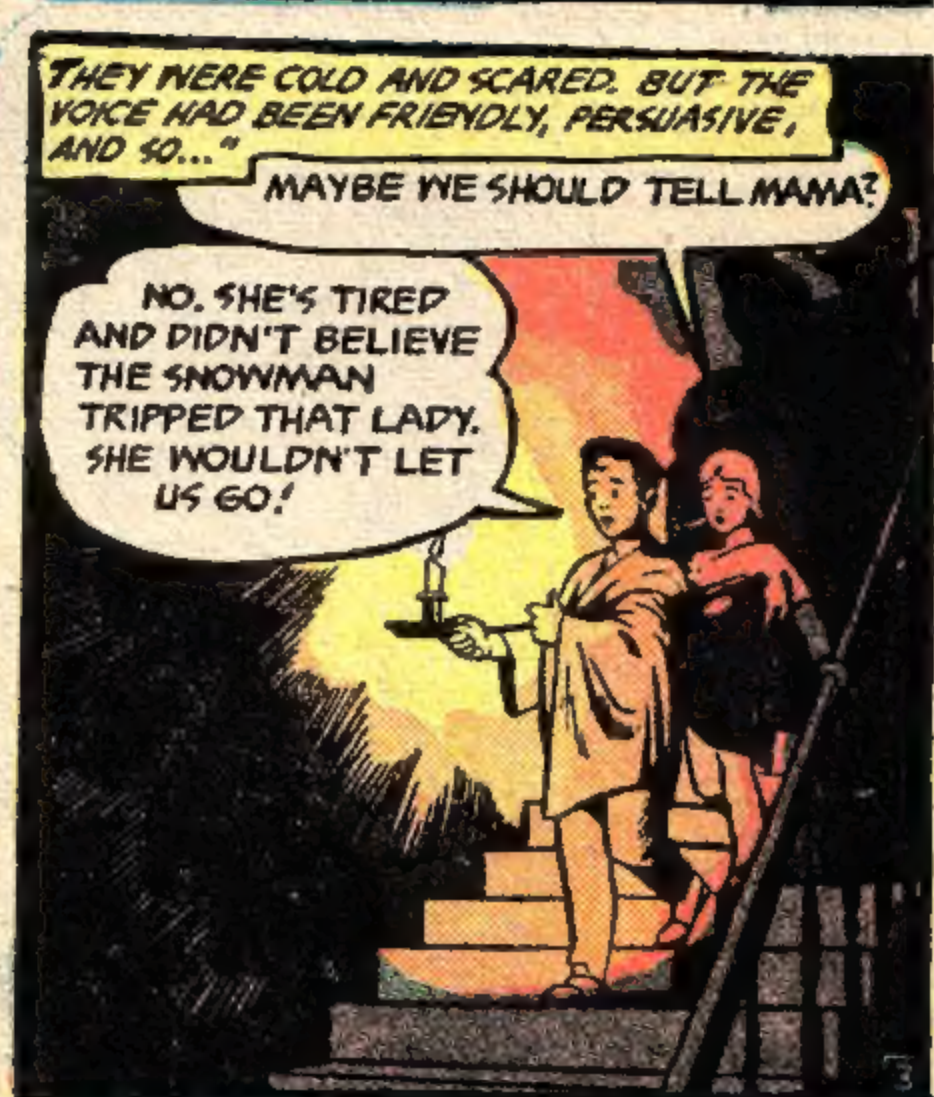
TAKE THE CANDLE AND GO TO THE CELLAR. HURRY! AND DON'T BE AFRAID...I WILL BE WITH YOU

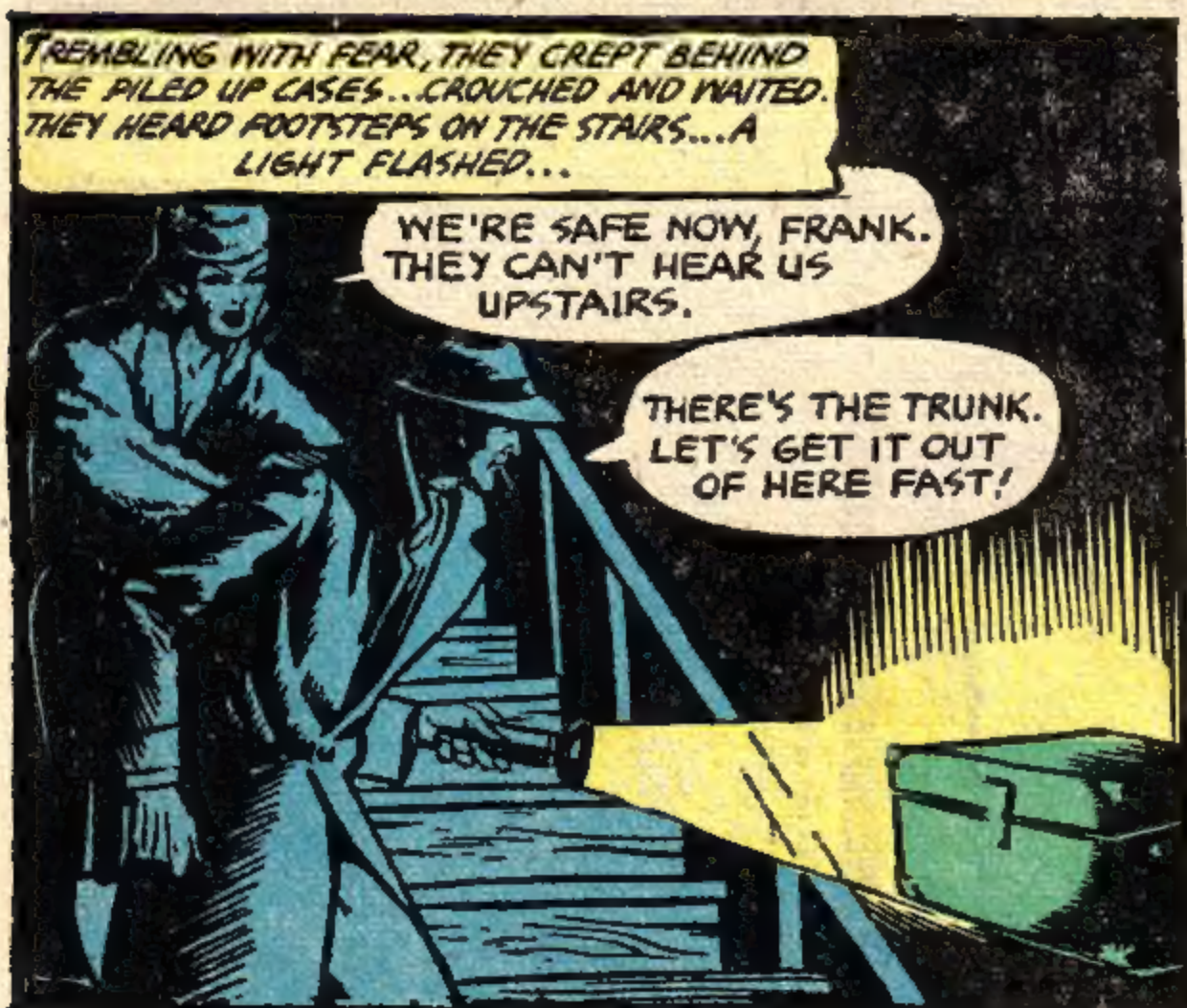
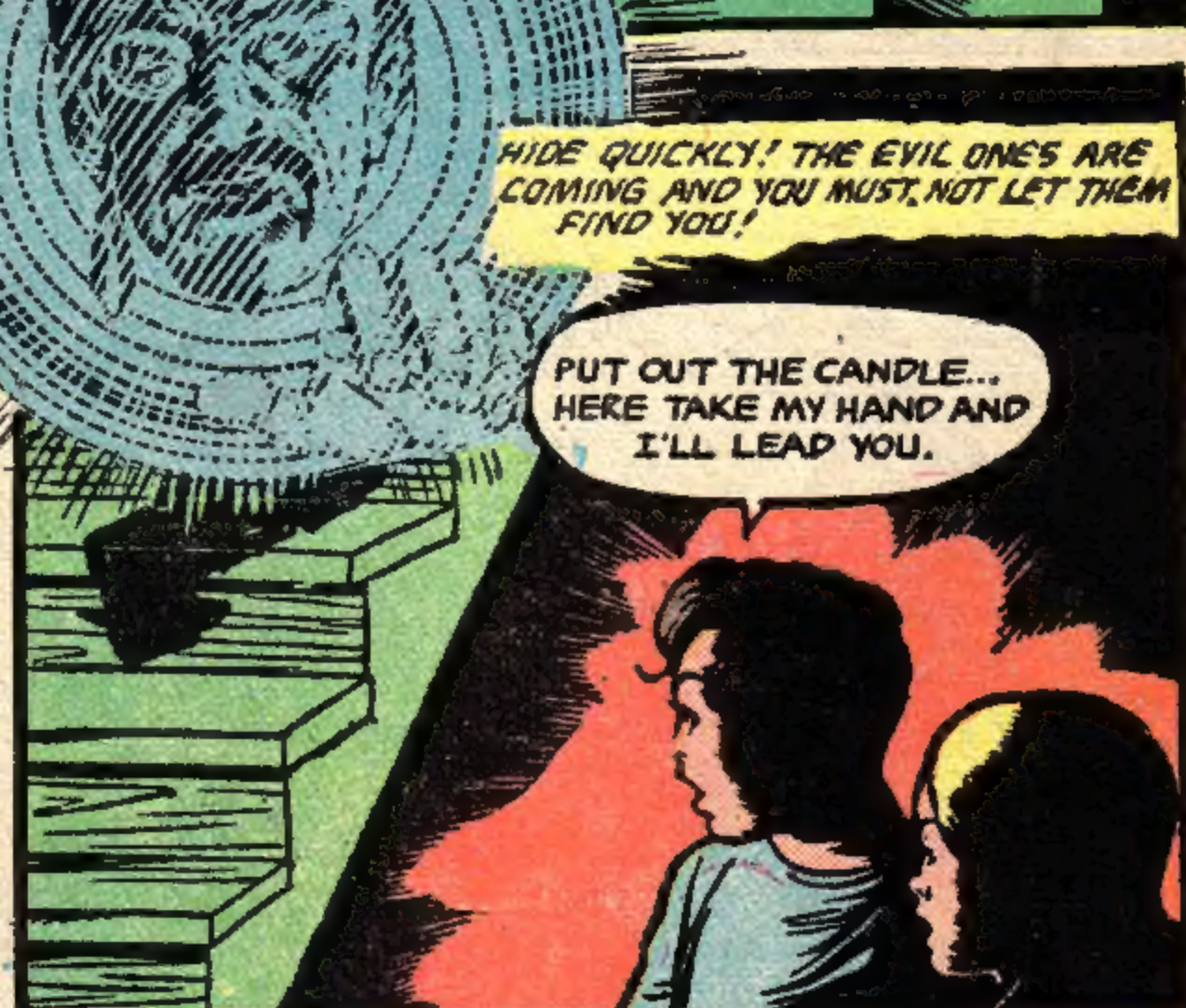


THEY WERE COLD AND SCARED, BUT THE VOICE HAD BEEN FRIENDLY, PERSUASIVE, AND SO..."

MAYBE WE SHOULD TELL MAMA?

NO. SHE'S TIRED AND DIDN'T BELIEVE THE SNOWMAN TRIPPED THAT LADY. SHE WOULDN'T LET US GO!





BUT JUST TO MAKE SURE,
I'LL TAKE A LOOK AROUND.
AND IT AIN'T GOING TO
BE HEALTHY FOR ANYONE
I FIND.



"FROM THEIR HIDING PLACE, TOMMY AND JUDY'S
HEARTS POUNDED WILDLY AS THEY SHRUNK BACK
INTO THE SHADOWS AND LISTENED TO THOSE
SHUFFLING FEET..."

HE'S STOPPED LOOKING,
JUDY. THEY'RE GOING OVER
TO THE TRUNK.



AWWW THERE'S NO ONE HERE. WE
WERE FOOLS NOT TO GET RID OF THIS
WHEN IT HAPPENED. SO WE'VE GOT
TO MOVE IT OUT RIGHT NOW!



YES... YES...
AND I'LL
HELP YOU
CARRY IT...
WAIT!...

SOMETHING MOVED
OVER THERE IN THE
CORNER... I SAW IT,
FRANK!



OVER THIS WAY? COME ON,
WE'LL MAKE ONE LAST
SEARCH. I TELL YOU, GRACE,
YOU'VE GOT ME ALL ON EDGE.



THE LIGHT FLICKERED
AROUND THE WALL, THE
CHILDREN WERE HARDLY
BREATHING.

HE'S COMING CLOSER, JUDY.
IF HE TURNS AWAY, I'M
GOING TO TRY TO GET TO
THE STAIRWAY. YOU FOLLOW
ME!



"THEN SUDDENLY, AN ICY HAND BRUSHED
ACROSS GRACE SPERRY'S CHEEK. SHE
TURNED IN HORROR..."

FRANK! FRANK! SOMETHING'S
HERE BESIDE ME! IT'S TRYING
TO CHOKE ME! HELP FRANK,
HELP!



SHUT UP, YOU FOOL! THERE'S NO ONE HERE. YOU'LL WAKE UP THE HOUSE!

BUT I FELT IT, FRANK... I TELL YOU SOMETHING COLD IS RIGHT HERE BESIDE US NOW. CAN'T YOU FEEL IT TOO?



SHUT UP! I TELL YOU, SHUT UP! YOU'RE LOSING YOUR NERVE AND ARE GETTING HYSTERICAL. WE HAVEN'T GOT TIME FOR THAT NOW. GET HOLD OF YOURSELF...WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT TRUNK OUT OF HERE!

STOP, FRANK! DON'T HIT ME! I TELL YOU IT'S HERE... LISTEN...CAN'T YOU HEAR FOOTSTEPS?

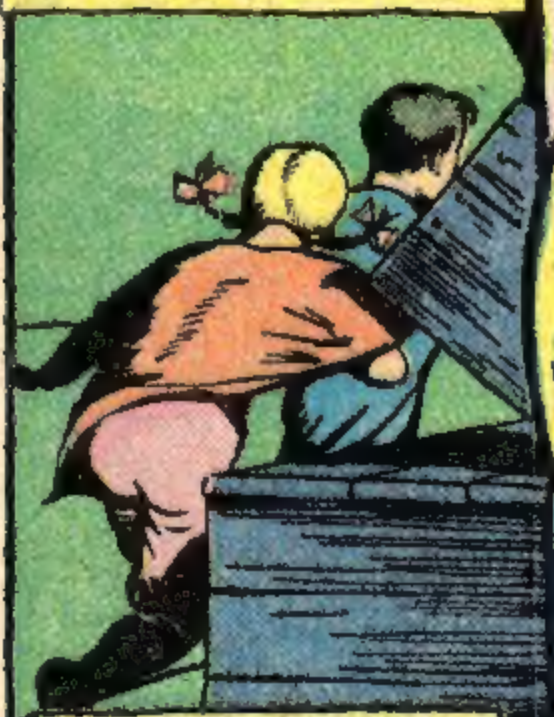


"FRANK STOOD STILL. NOW HE HEARD IT TOO... STEPS TIP-TOEING IN THE DARKNESS..."

"AND TWO FRIGHTENED FACES WERE STARING INTO THE BLINDING BEAM..."

DON'T HURT US, MISTER. WE...WE WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING!

YOU LITTLE BRATS... YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE THIS PLACE ALIVE...YOU'VE HEARD TOO MUCH!



"HE WHIRLED...SWUNG THE LIGHT..."



COME BACK HERE, YOU LITTLE DEVILS. YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME!

RUN, JUDY, RUN! HE'S GOING TO KILL US!

"FRANK LURCHED FORWARD, HIS FINGERS TOUCHED TOMMY'S GARMENT... CLUTCHED IT..."



I'VE GOTCHA! YOU'RE GOING INTO THE TRUNK ALONG WITH THE OTHER ONE!



"THEN LIKE A SUDDEN icy BLAST,
A WHISPY FORM SWEEPED DOWN..."

THE SNOWMAN! HE'S
TRYING TO HELP US!

RUN!..GET OUT
OF THE CELLAR...
HURRY!

WAKE UP YOUR MOTHER! TELL HER TO BRING
THE GUN FROM THE CLOSET!

YES...YES...
WE'LL DO
IT RIGHT
AWAY!

THE KID TRIPPED
ME BUT WE'LL
GET HIM! C'MON!

"AND
SECONDS
LATER..."

I CAN'T OPEN IT. SOMEONE'S OUTSIDE
HOLDING IT DOWN. WE'RE TRAPPED!

BUT, FRANK, THEN WE'LL
BE CAUGHT HERE WITH
THE TRUNK. THEY'LL
SEND US TO THE CHAIR,
FRANK!

"THEY STORMED UP THE STEPS...WHEN
SUDDENLY..."

FRANK...THE
DOOR'S SHUTTING
DOWN ON US...
OPEN IT, FRANK!
OPEN IT!

I CAN'T...
SOMETHING
IS PUSHING
IT SHUT!

"THEY POUNDED AND SMASHED BUT THEY
COULDN'T BUDGE IT...THEN SUDDENLY IT
OPENED WIDE..."

I DON'T KNOW WHAT
YOU ARE DOING DOWN THERE BUT WE'LL
SOON FIND OUT. I'VE SENT FOR THE
POLICE. AND DON'T YOU MOVE UNTIL
THEY COME!

WHEN THEY OPENED THE TRUNK, THEY
FOUND THE REASON FOR THE TERROR
THAT HAD HAUNTED MARTHA GREY THAT
NIGHT. FOR INSIDE WAS THE BODY OF
GRACE SPERRY'S UNCLE. THE CHILDREN
LOOKED FOR THE SNOWMAN
IN THE MORNING. BUT
IT WAS GONE AS
SWIFTLY AND MYSTER-
IOUSLY AS IT HAD
COME!

THE END

THE GHOST GALLERY

BY
Drew
Murdoch

JUST THREE PEOPLE STOOD FACING ME ACROSS THAT SILENT GRAVE... BUT THE UNSEEN PRESENCE OF ANOTHER WAS THERE WITH US... WATCHING OUR EVERY MOVE... LISTENING TO THE STORY OF THE FOUR PHANTOMS!

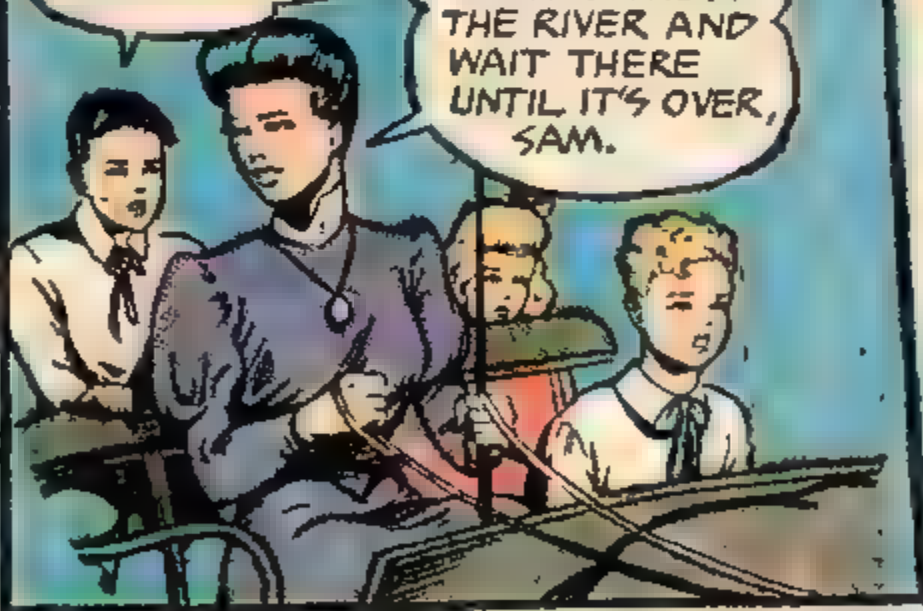
WE MEET HERE AT MISS WHITE'S GRAVE EVERY YEAR, MR. MURDOCH. WHEN SHE WAS OUR TEACHER SHE PROMISED NEVER TO LEAVE US... AND SHE NEVER HAS...



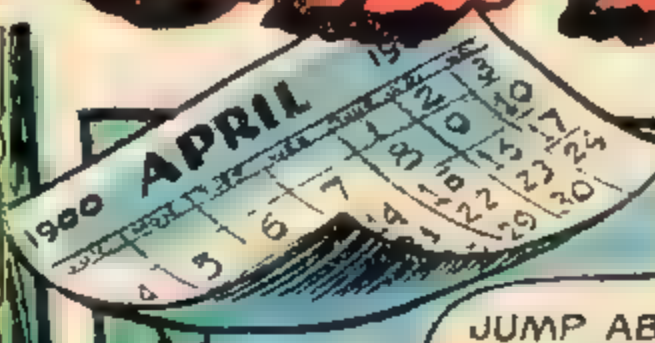
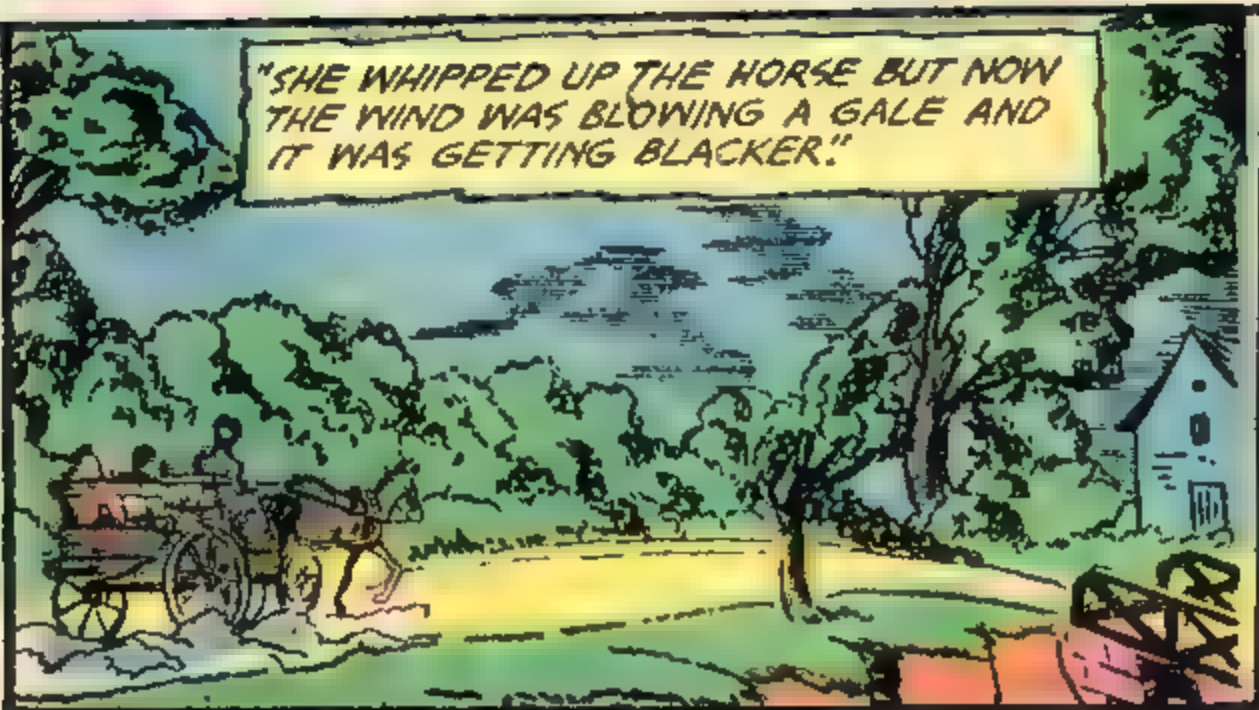
"BUT IT WASN'T A MILE BEFORE THE WIND STARTED TO BLOW..."

WE'RE GOING TO GET WET, MISS WHITE!

WE'LL GO ON TO THE OLD HOUSE ACROSS THE RIVER AND WAIT THERE UNTIL IT'S OVER, SAM.



"SHE WHIPPED UP THE HORSE BUT NOW THE WIND WAS BLOWING A GALE AND IT WAS GETTING BLACKER."



"THE SCHOOL WAS THREE MILES ACROSS THE VALLEY. SHE PICKED US UP EVERY MORNING..."

JUMP ABOARD, FREDDY. IT'S GETTING DARK IN THE WEST... THERE'S A STORM BREWING.

WE HAVE BAD ONES THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, MISS WHITE. I HOPE YOU GET TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE IT BREAKS.



"THEN SUDDENLY, A LIGHTNING BOLT LASHED DOWN. THE HORSE REARED AND FOUGHT..."

WHOA! WHOA! JUMP, CHILDREN! HE'S GOING TO RUN AWAY!



"BUT HER WARNING CAME TOO LATE... THE HORSE LURCHED SIDWAYS, BROKE THE TRACES, AND SMASHED THE WAGON AGAINST THE BRIDGE..."

"WE WERE SHAKEN BUT UNHURT... THEN SUDDENLY..."

A CLOUDBURST, MISS WHITE. THE RIVER IS RUNNING WILD!

A FLOOD! HERE, FREDDY, I'LL CARRY YOU!

THAT HOUSE IS THE ONLY HIGH SPOT AROUND. RUN, CHILDREN, RUN!

"WE GOT THERE...BUT THE WATER KEPT RISING..."

GO ON, SAM! WE'VE GOT TO GET UP ON THE ROOF. DON'T BE AFRAID.

"THE WATER KEPT RISING HIGHER AND HIGHER...IT WAS A QUESTION OF MINUTES BEFORE IT WOULD SWEEP US OFF..."

YOU CHILDREN MUST STAY HERE AND HOLD ON, I'M GOING AFTER HELP.

"SHE TURNED AND PLUNGED INTO THE WATER...WE WATCHED HER STRUGGLE AND FIGHT TO REACH THE SHORE."

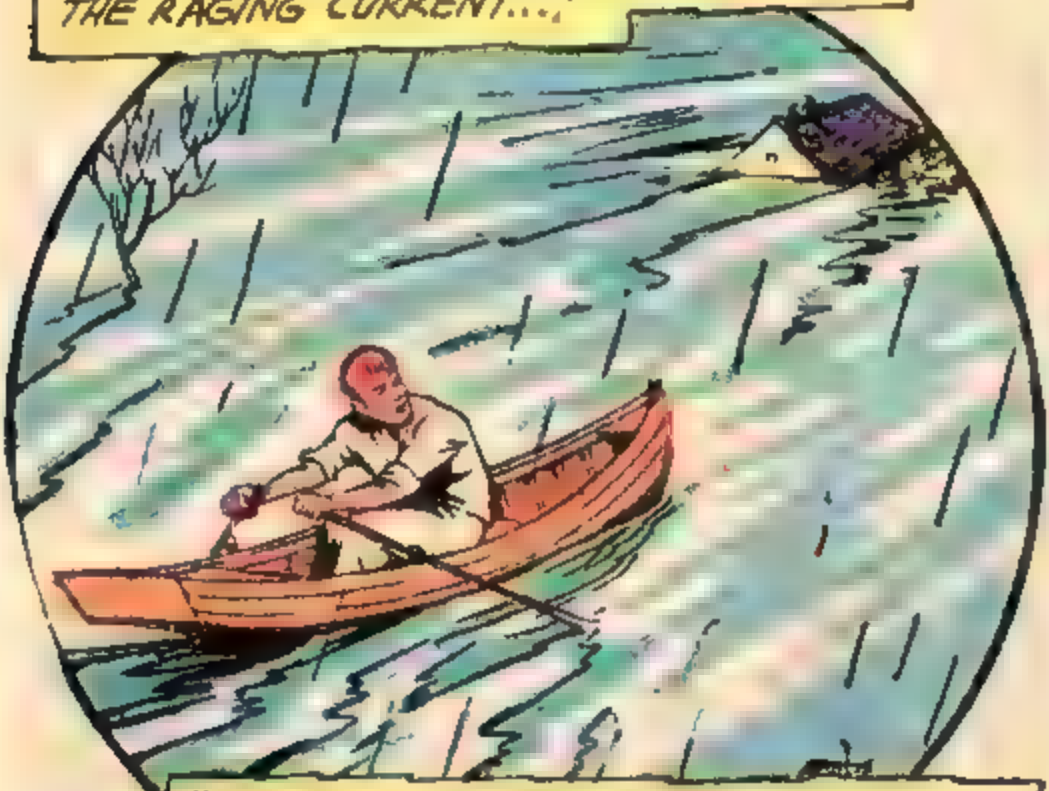
"AND LONG MINUTES LATER, HER HAILS WERE HEARD..."

YOU'RE EXHAUSTED. WE'LL GET A DOCTOR.

NO...DON'T MIND ME. SAVE THE CHILDREN ON THE ROOF OF THE OLD HOUSE!

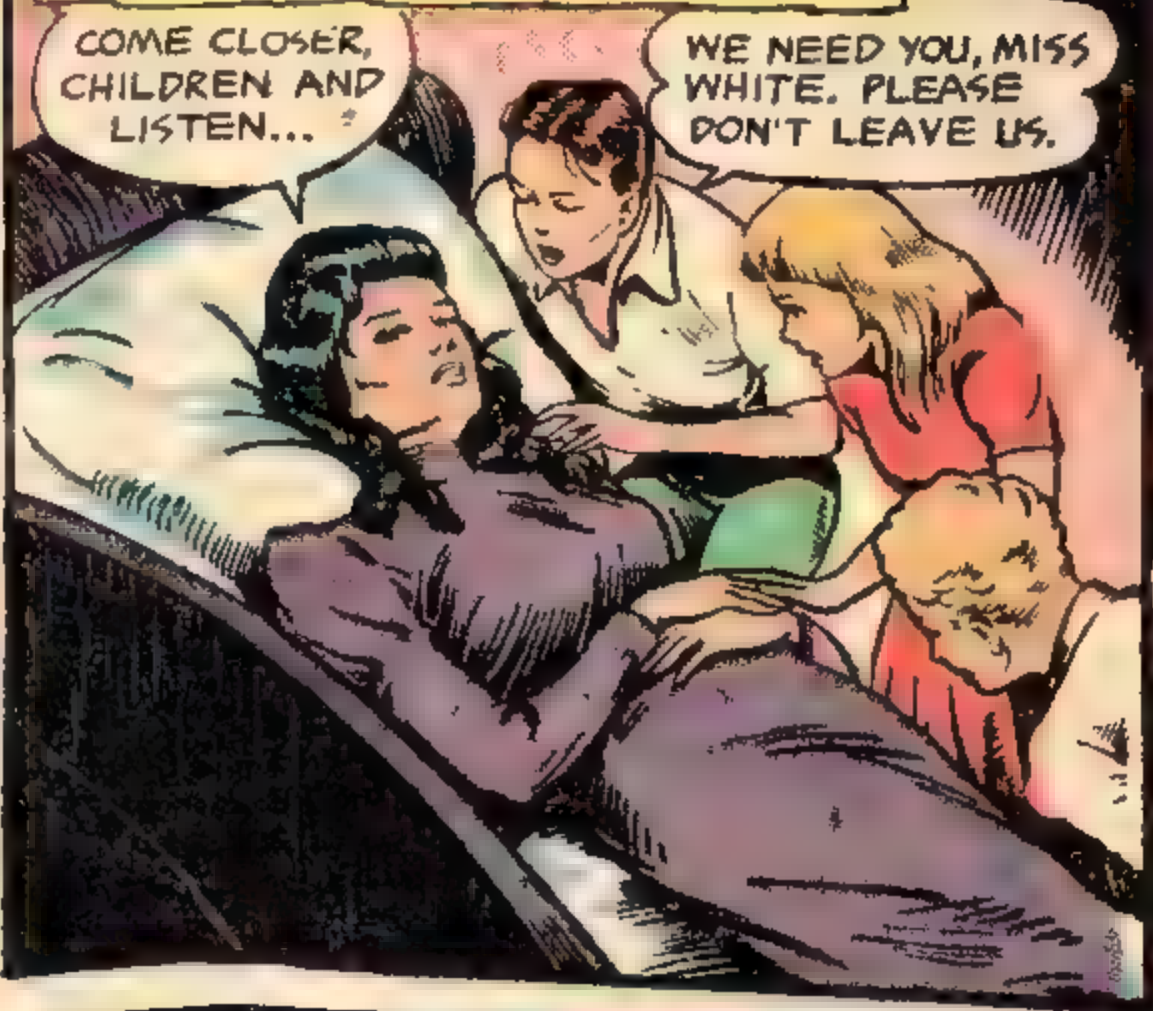
"HER STROKES GREW WEAKER... BUT NOTHING COULD CONQUER HER WILL."

"INSTANTLY, ONE OF THEM WAS BATTLING THE RAGING CURRENT..."



"AND SOON WE WERE SAFELY BACK ON SHORE...IN THE ROOM WITH OUR BELOVED TEACHER..."

"AND AS WE GROUPED AROUND HER..."



COME CLOSER, CHILDREN AND LISTEN..."

WE NEED YOU, MISS WHITE. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE US.



WHEREVER YOU ARE AND WHATEVER YOU ARE DOING, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I'LL BE RIGHT THERE BESIDE YOU...ALWAYS READY TO HELP YOU!



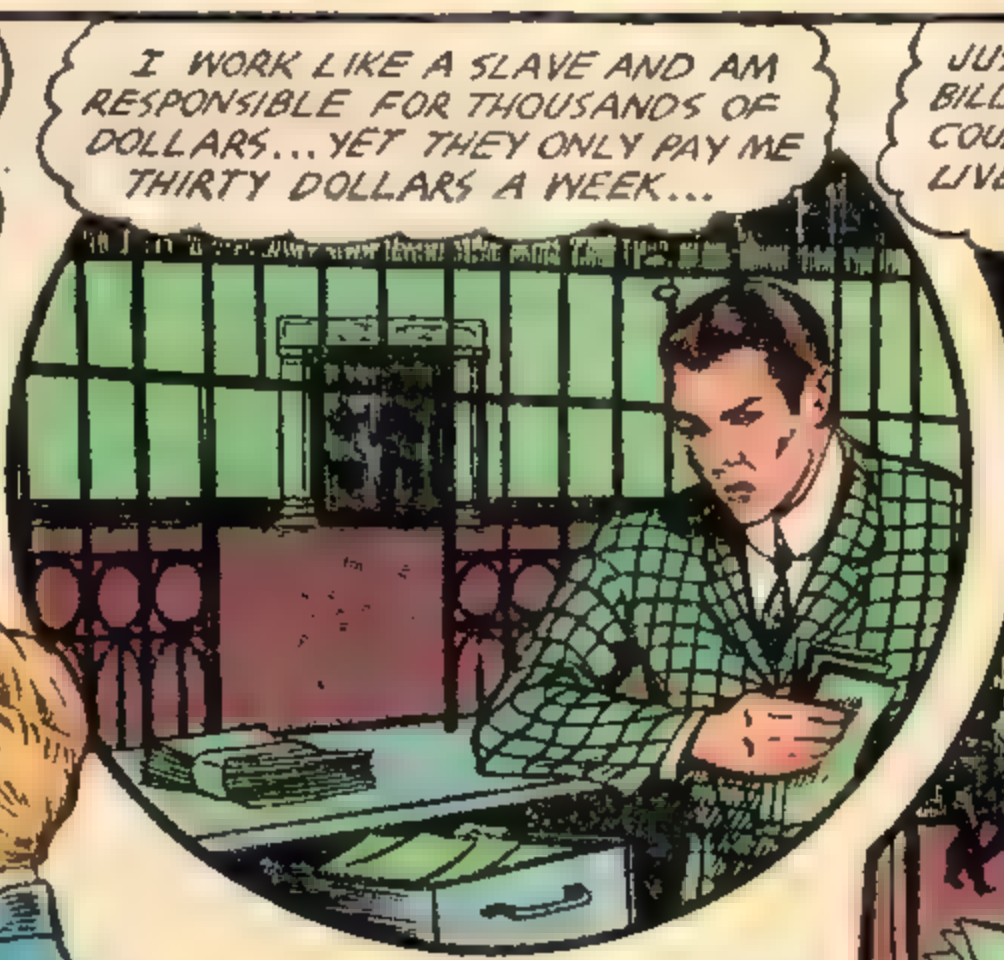
"AND SO SHE DIED. AND WE KNOW SHE HAS KEPT HER PROMISE..."

A VERY INTERESTING STORY, SHE WAS A BRAVE GIRL. BUT NATURALLY SHE COULDN'T KEEP HER PROMISE AFTER SHE WAS DEAD.

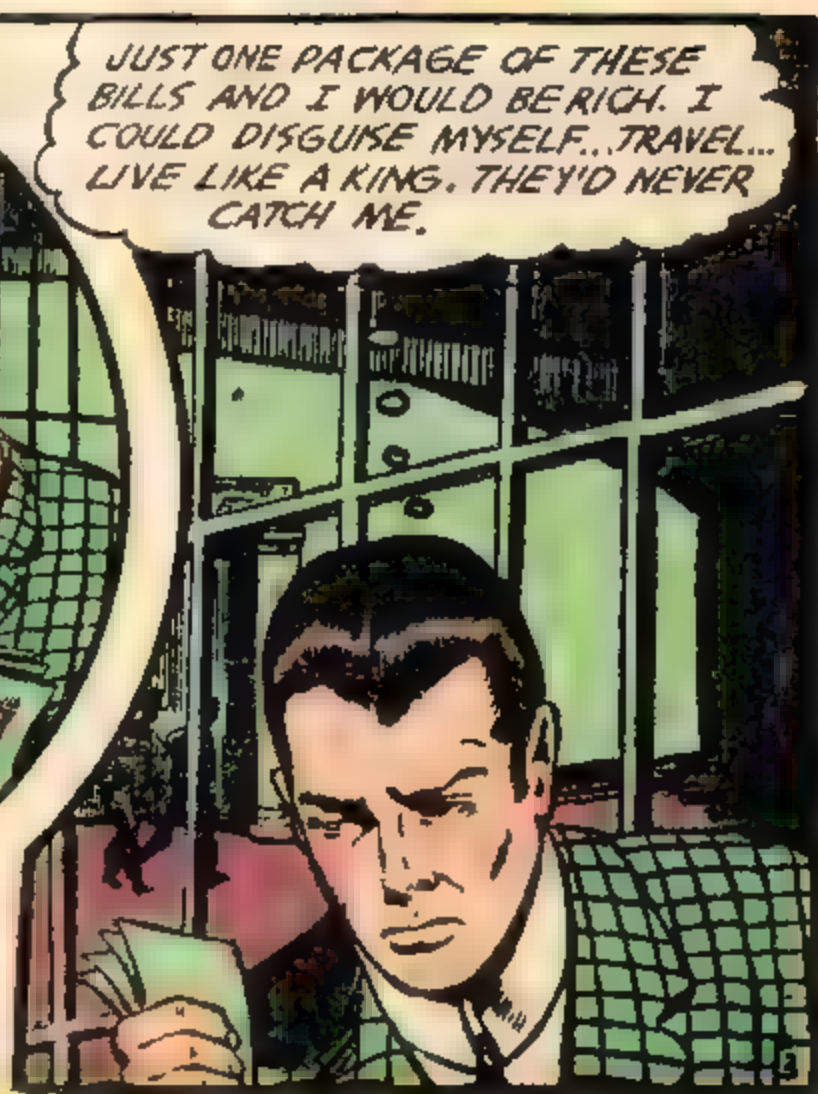
WAIT, MR. MURDOCH... WAIT UNTIL SAM FINISHES.



I WAS TWENTY YEARS OLD...WORKING AS A TELLER IN A BANK. AND IT LOOKED AS THOUGH I NEVER WOULD BE PROMOTED...



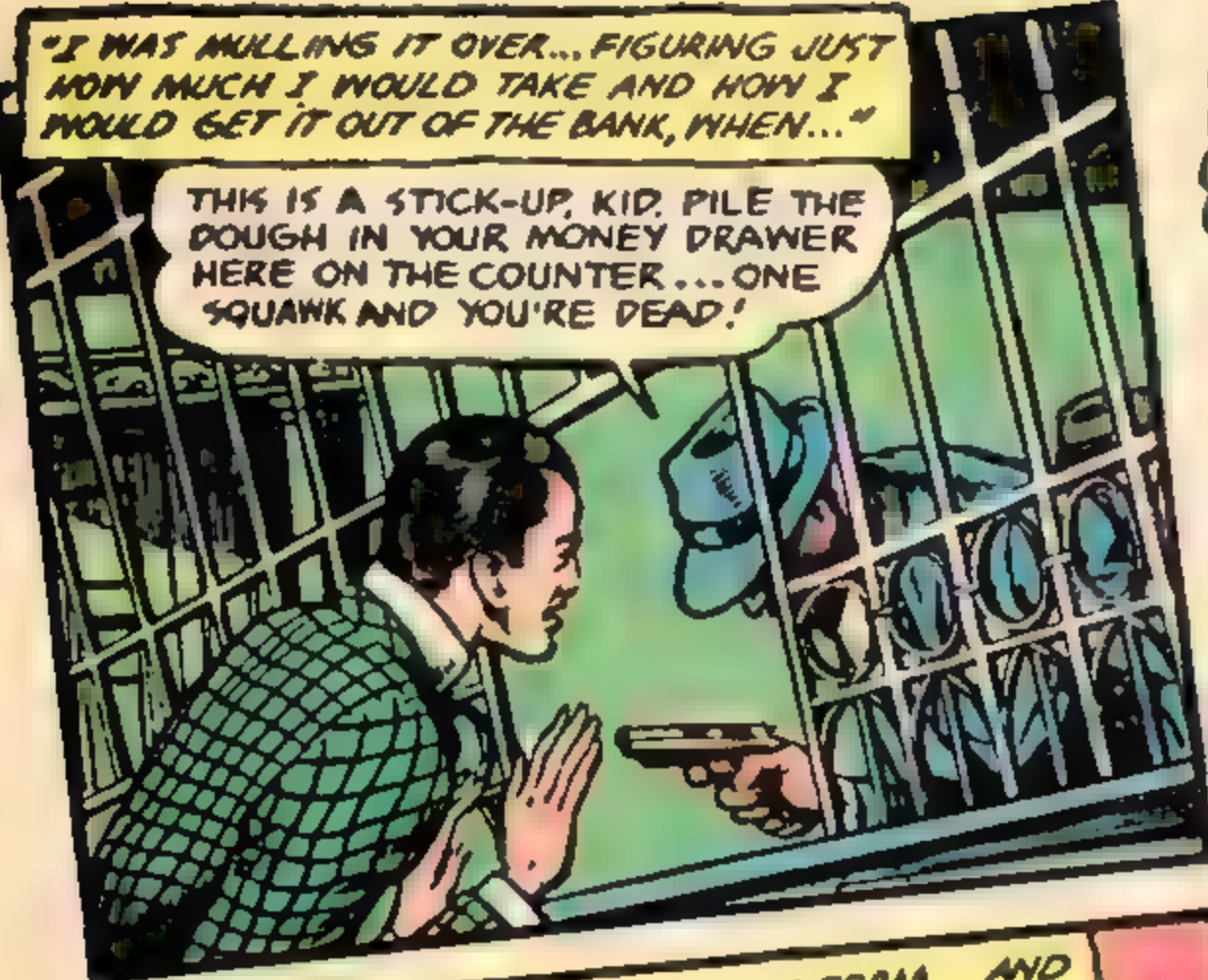
I WORK LIKE A SLAVE AND AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS...YET THEY ONLY PAY ME THIRTY DOLLARS A WEEK...



JUST ONE PACKAGE OF THESE BILLS AND I WOULD BE RICH. I COULD DISGUISE MYSELF...TRAVEL... LIVE LIKE A KING. THEY'D NEVER CATCH ME.

"I WAS MULLING IT OVER... FIGURING JUST HOW MUCH I WOULD TAKE AND HOW I WOULD GET IT OUT OF THE BANK, WHEN..."

THIS IS A STICK-UP, KID. PILE THE DOUGH IN YOUR MONEY DRAWER HERE ON THE COUNTER... ONE SQUAWK AND YOU'RE DEAD!



"FOR SUDDENLY A MISTY SHAPE TOOK FORM... AND AN OLD FAMILIAR VOICE WAS SPEAKING..."

IT IS I, SAM... YOUR TEACHER, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING, SAM... BUT YOU COULDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT. YOU'RE NOT A COWARD!



I'LL GIVE HIM ALL THE PACKAGES BUT ONE... HIDE THAT AND TAKE IT LATER. GUN IN THE DRAWER BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE A FOOL AND USE IT... WHAT'S THAT?



USE YOUR GUN, SAM! IT'S YOUR BIG CHANCE!

YOU'RE RIGHT. AND I'LL GET HIM TOO!



"THE ROBBERS SCOOPED UP THE MONEY, HEADED FOR THE DOOR..."

STOP, DROP THAT GUN OR I'LL SHOOT!

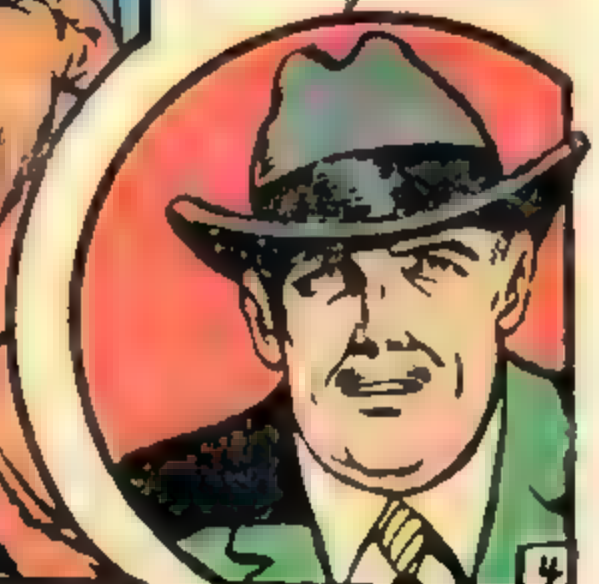


"ONE FIRED BUT MISSED. MY BULLET DIDN'T. THE OTHERS QUIT COLD..."

CALL THE POLICE SOMEBODY! I'LL KEEP THEM COVERED!

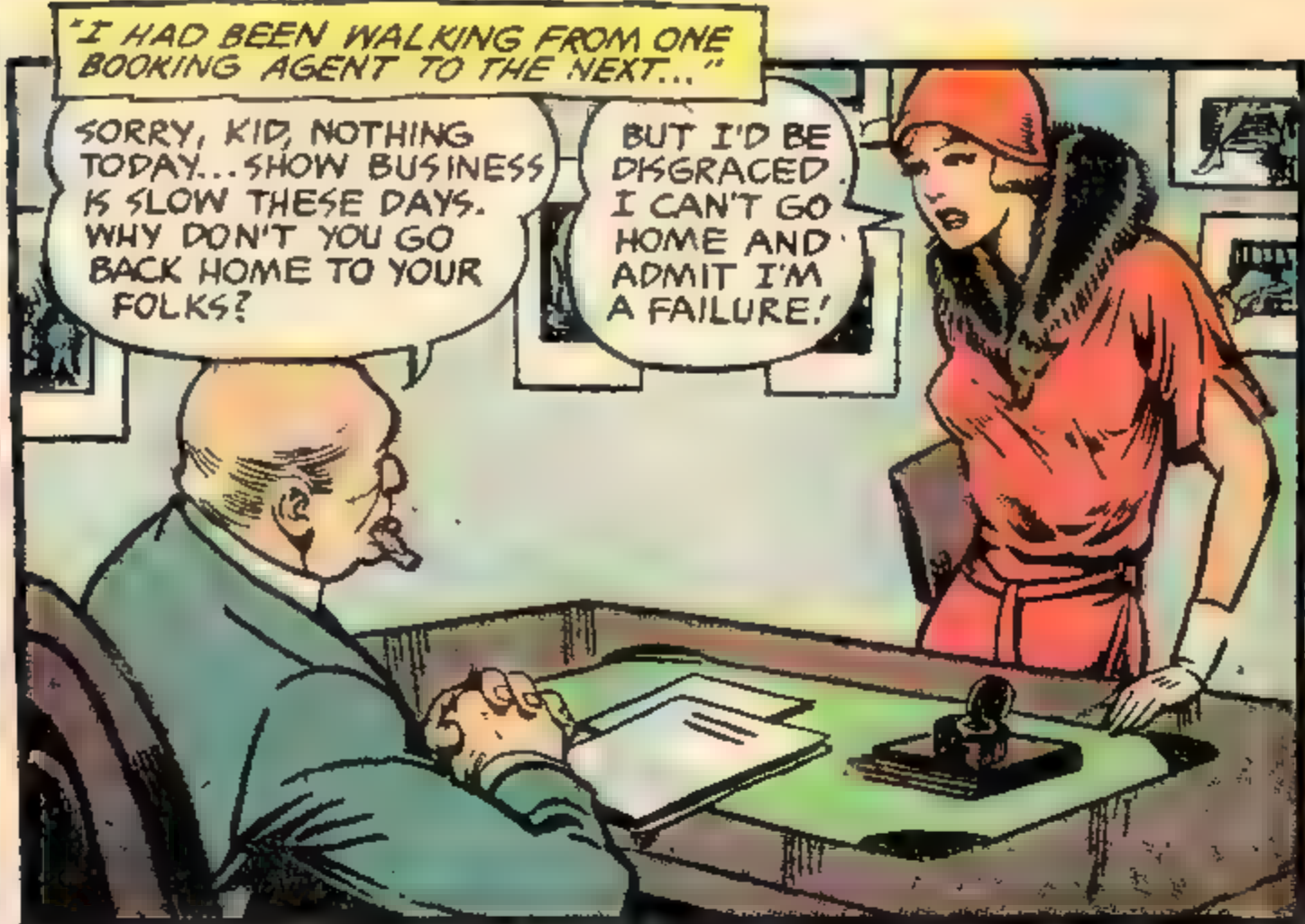


AND THAT'S HOW I GOT MY START, MR. MURKICH. SO I WON MY PROMOTION AND WAS ON MY WAY TO SUCCESS. BUT I'D NEVER HAVE LIFTED A FINGER TO STOP THEM IF SHE HADN'T COME TO ME.





YOU'VE HEARD SAM'S STORY, MR. MURDOCH, NOW LISTEN TO MINE. I WAS A STAGE STRUCK GIRL OF NINETEEN AND ALL ALONE IN THE CITY...



"I HAD BEEN WALKING FROM ONE BOOKING AGENT TO THE NEXT..."

SORRY, KID, NOTHING TODAY... SHOW BUSINESS IS SLOW THESE DAYS. WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK HOME TO YOUR FOLKS?

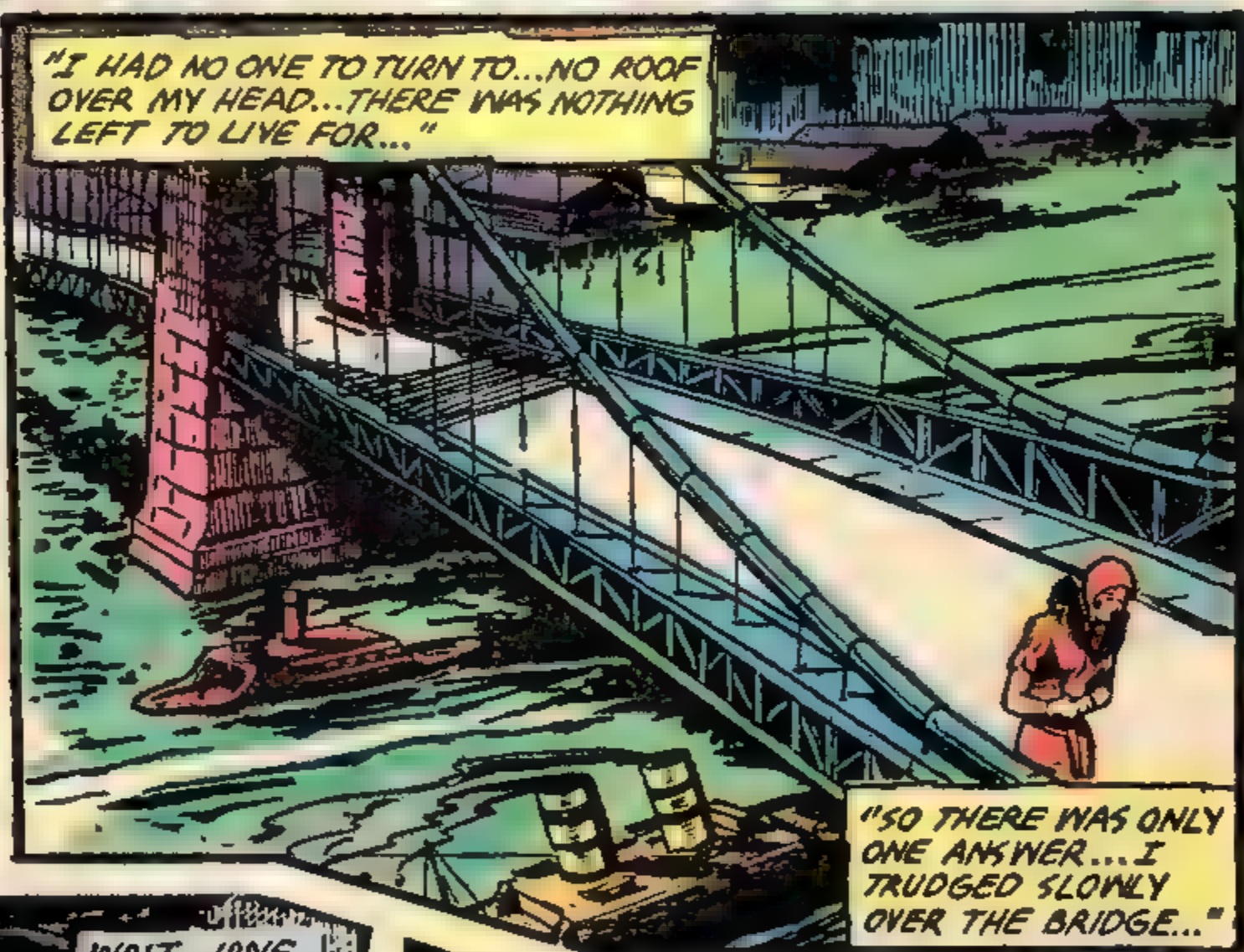
BUT I'D BE DISGRACED. I CAN'T GO HOME AND ADMIT I'M A FAILURE!

"I WAS BROKE... AND THOSE WORDS KEPT RINGING IN MY EARS..."



SORRY. NOTHING TODAY. NOTHING TODAY.

SORRY. SISTER. NOTHING. SORRY. NOTHING. NOTHING TODAY!



"I HAD NO ONE TO TURN TO... NO ROOF OVER MY HEAD... THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT TO LIVE FOR..."

"SO THERE WAS ONLY ONE ANSWER... I TRUDGED SLOWLY OVER THE BRIDGE..."



"I KEPT WATCHING UNTIL THERE WAS NO ONE NEAR ME, THEN..."

WAIT, JANE, DON'T JUMP!

YOU... MISS WHITE!



YES, JANE. I PROMISED I WOULDN'T LEAVE YOU. YOU CAN'T BE A QUITTER, JANE. LOOK.. DO YOU SEE THAT STAR? IT'S YOUR STAR, JANE, AND WILL LEAD YOU FAR IF YOU FOLLOW IT!

"THEN SHE WAS GONE. BUT I KNEW SHE WAS THERE AT MY SIDE. I LEFT THE BRIDGE AND STARTED THE LONG WEARY SEARCH ONCE MORE. AND AT THE FIRST PLACE I STOPPED..."

SORRY, NOTHING TODAY!

WAIT A MINUTE! YOU'RE IT! JUST THE TYPE I'VE BEEN PRAYING FOR! YOU'VE GOT A JOB, SISTER, AND I'VE GOT A STAR!

"AND SEVERAL WEEKS LATER AS THE CURTAIN DROPPED ON MY FIRST PERFORMANCE..."

THANK YOU, EVERYBODY. AND NOW LET ME INTRODUCE THE MAN WHO MADE ME A STAR... MY FUTURE HUSBAND!

I TOLD YOU, JANE... SEE, IT WAS YOUR LUCKY STAR!

YOU HAVE HEARD THEIR STORIES, MR. MURDOCH, NOW LISTEN TO MINE. IT WAS THE FIRST WORLD WAR, I WAS A PRIVATE...

BUT I NEVER WOULD HAVE FOUND IT IF YOU HADN'T BEEN WATCHING OVER ME.

"WE WERE STATIONED IN AN OLD CHATEAU, NEAR THE FRONT LINES..."

SORRY IT HAS TO BE YOU, FRED, BUT SOMEONE'S GOT TO DO IT. AN ATTACK IS COMING SO I'VE ORDERED THE COMPANY TO RETREAT. YOU AND I ARE GOING TO STAY HERE AND HOLD UP THE HUNTS AS LONG AS WE CAN.

"THE HEINIES WERE POURING IT ON HOT AND HEAVY WHEN MY CAPTAIN CAME RUNNING UP..."

YES, SIR, WITH A MACHINE GUN, WE SHOULD KEEP 'EM BACK ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES!

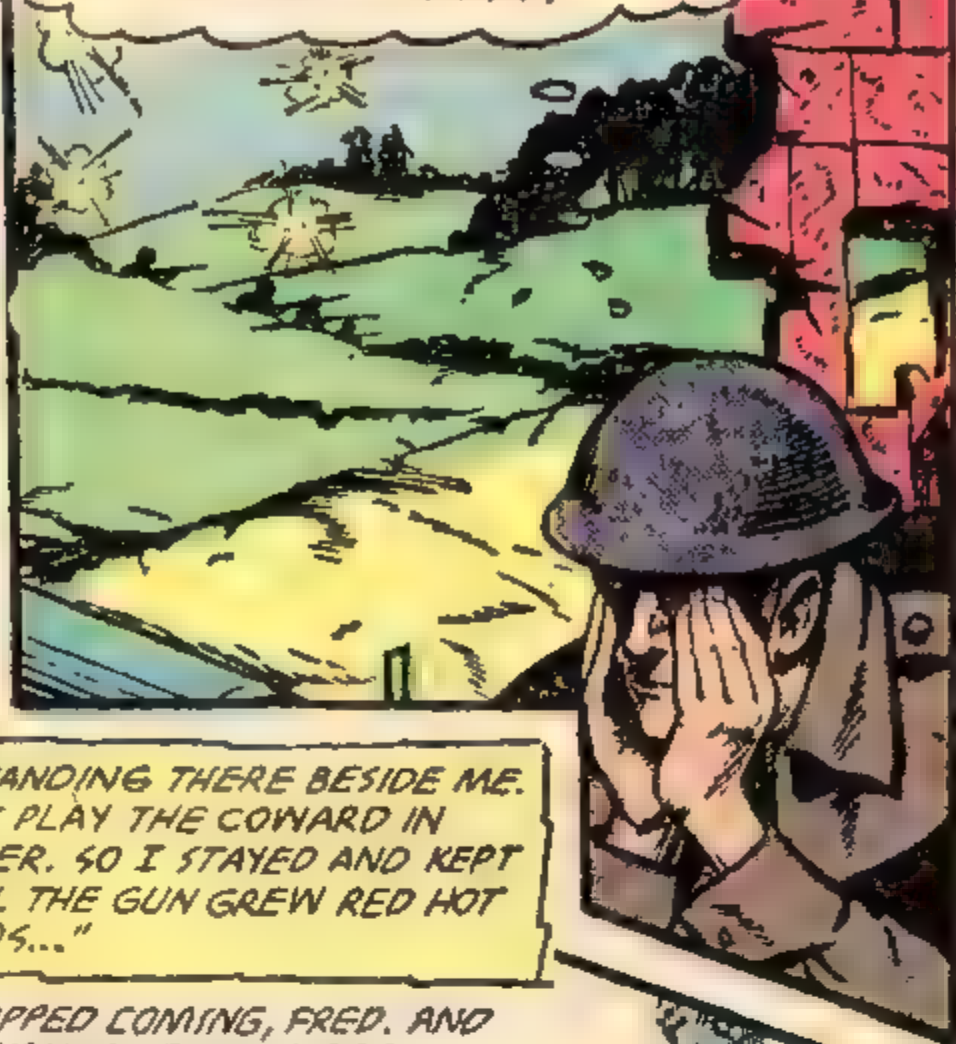
"TWICE THEY CAME STORMING DOWN ON US AND BOTH TIMES WE BEAT THEM BACK. THEN..."

HERE THEY COME AGAIN, CAPTAIN!... YOU... YOU'RE HIT!

YES, FRED, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO STICK IT OUT ALONE. OUR BOYS HAVEN'T HAD TIME ENOUGH TO ESCAPE YET! AWWWW!



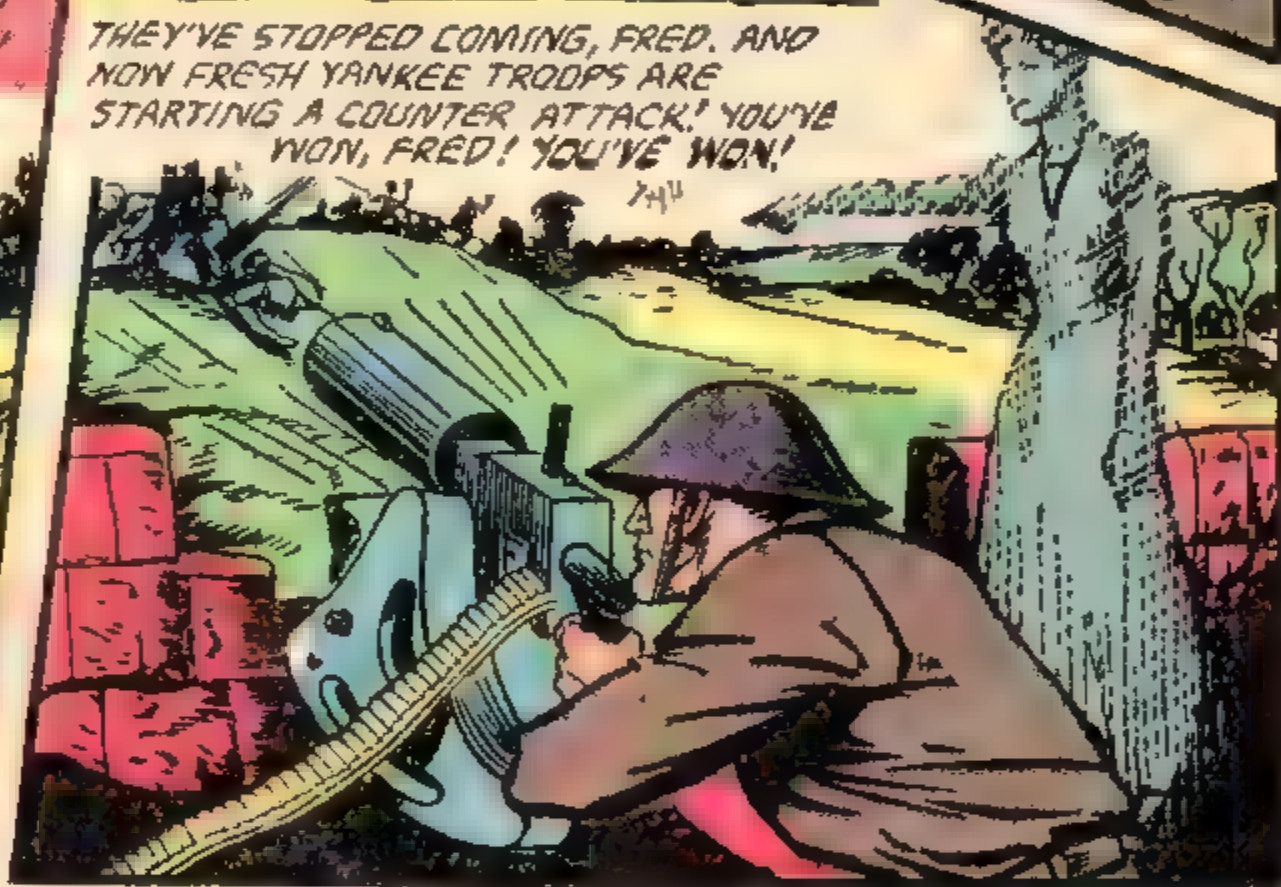
HE'S DEAD... NO ONE WILL KNOW THAT ORDER. WHY I'D BE A FOOL TO STAY HERE AND BE KILLED. I'M GOING TO RUN FOR IT! WHAT!



FRED... FRED... I'VE COME TO STAND BY YOU FRED, JUST AS I PROMISED. IF YOU DESERT FRED, THE GERMANS WILL BREAK THROUGH, AND WILL OVERTAKE AND KILL YOUR BUDDIES! STICK BY YOUR GUN FRED, YOU MUST!

"SHE WAS STANDING THERE BESIDE ME. I COULDN'T PLAY THE COWARD IN FRONT OF HER. SO I STAYED AND KEPT FIRING UNTIL THE GUN GREW RED HOT IN MY HANDS..."

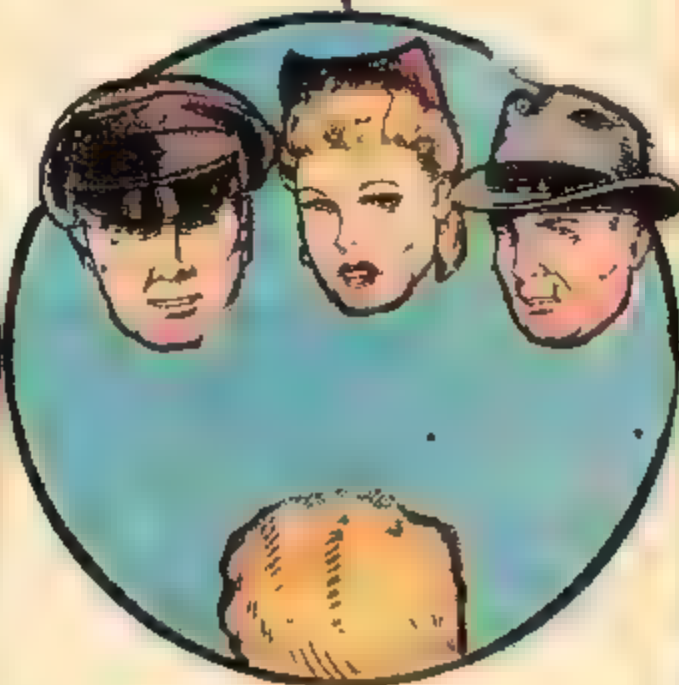
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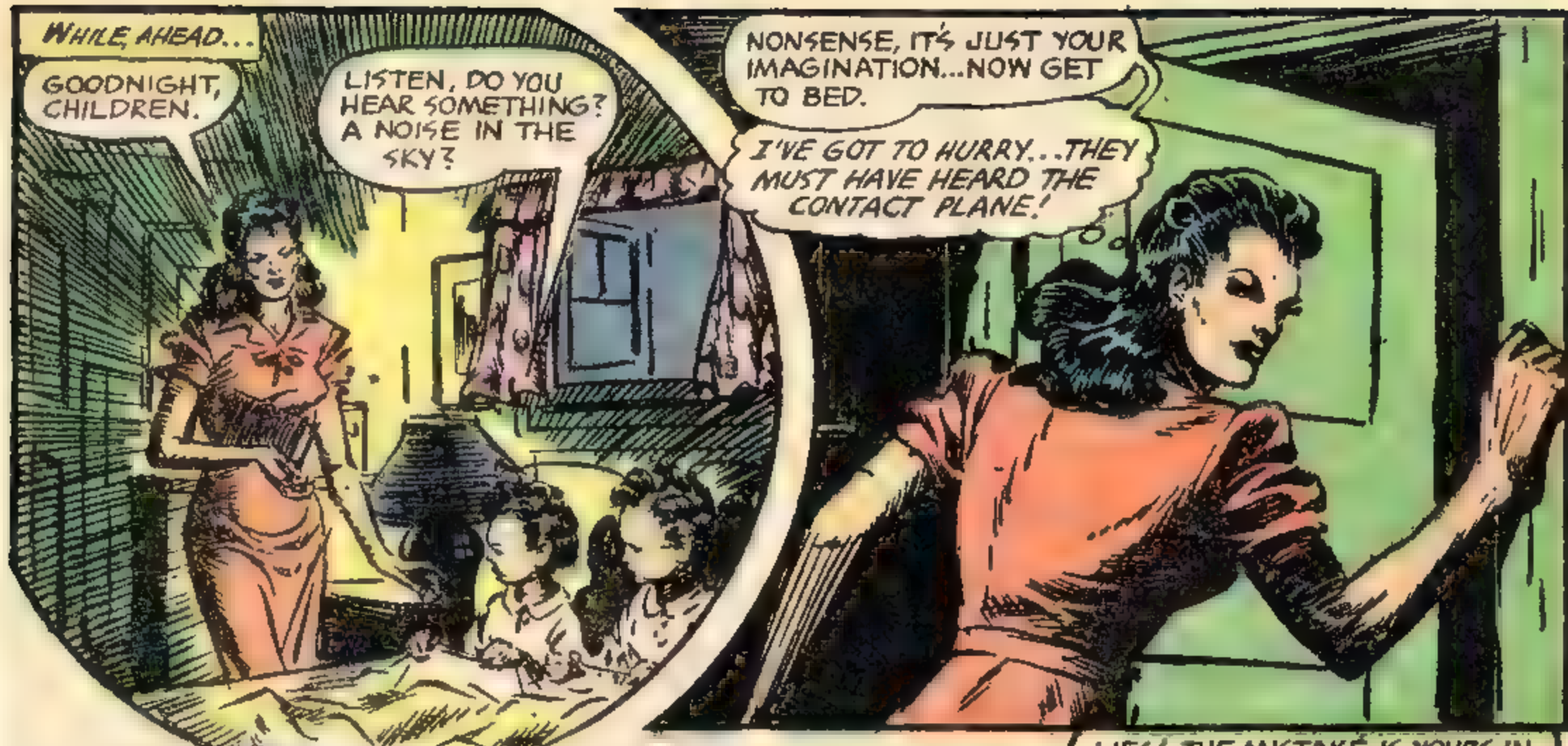
GHOST SQUADRON

by
CAPT. DEREK WEST

ATOMIC EXPLOSION IN RUSSIA! AND IN OUR NATION'S CAPITOL GRIM FACED EXPERTS PLOTTED HOW BEST TO PIERCE THE IRON CURTAIN OF SECRECY THAT ENSHROUDED RUSSIA AND HER SATELLITES. HOW MANY BOMBS DID THEY HAVE - HOW POWERFUL WERE THEY? AND WHAT ABOUT THE HYDROGEN BOMB? QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE ANSWERED FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD WAS AT STAKE! AND LATER, THROUGH THE NIGHT GLOOM, THE ANGEL OF DEATH CAME WINGING...

HOW KAREN EVER GOT WORD THROUGH TO G-2 I'LL NEVER KNOW... BUT IF WHAT SHE SAYS IS TRUE IT'LL WRAP IT UP FOR US. AH, THERE'S THE RENDEZVOUS...

THAT'S THE CASTLE WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO CONTACT HER... BETTER CUT THE ENGINE AND GLIDE DOWN FOR A LANDING.



WHILE AHEAD...

GOODNIGHT, CHILDREN.

LISTEN, DO YOU HEAR SOMETHING? A NOISE IN THE SKY?

NONSENSE, IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION...NOW GET TO BED.

I'VE GOT TO HURRY...THEY MUST HAVE HEARD THE CONTACT PLANE!



AH, THE FILMS OF THE FACTORY ARE STILL HERE WHERE I HID...

WHO'S THAT?



SO! THE COLONEL WAS RIGHT! YOU ARE AN AMERICAN SPY! YOU GAVE US THE DAY OFF SO YOU COULD MEET YOUR AGENT AND GIVE HIM INFORMATION!

NO-NO! THERE IS SOME MISTAKE!



LIES! THE MISTAKE IS YOURS IN THINKING YOU COULD FOOL COMRADE KHARZOV. COME, THE COLONEL AWAITS HIS SO-CALLED GOVERNESS!

I-I'VE GOT TO ESCAPE...

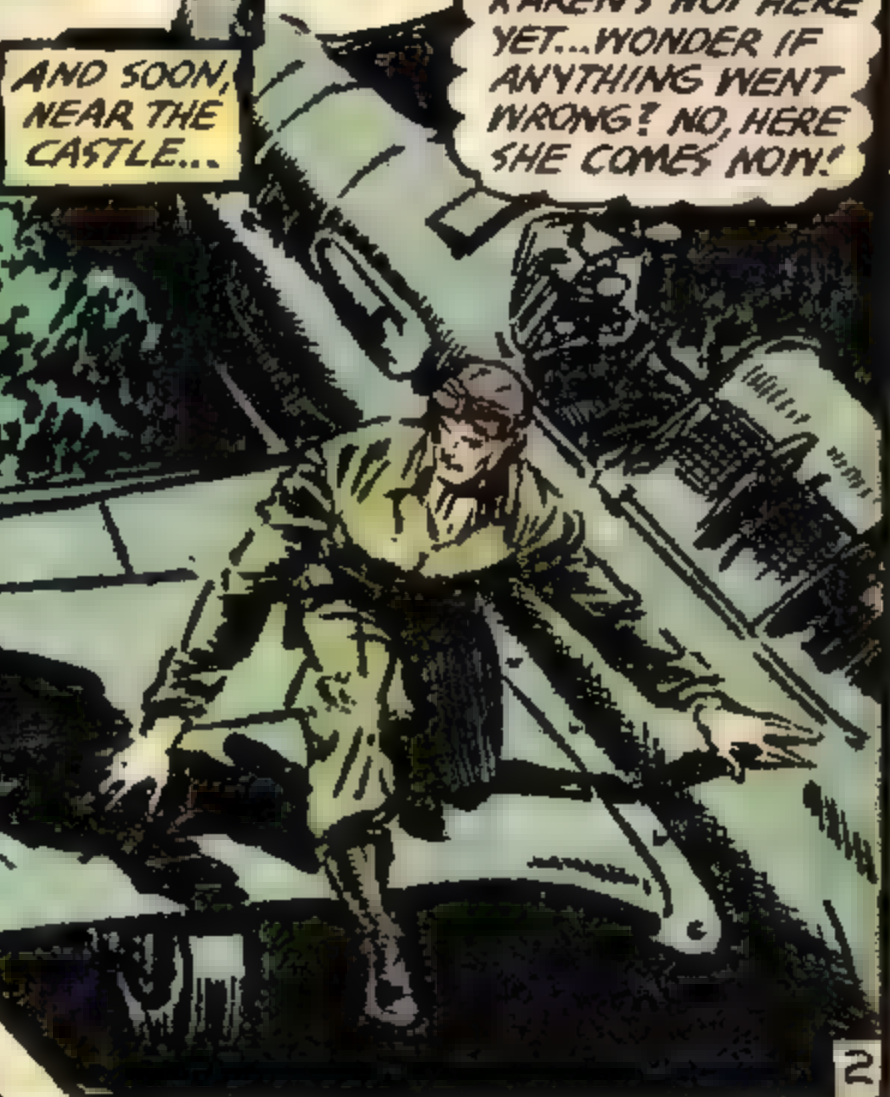


NO ONE ESCAPES FROM BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, CAPITALISTIC SWINE!



WELL DONE, COMRADE. LOCK HER IN THE TOWER WHILE I HAVE A "FRIEND" ARRANGE TO MEET THE SPY.

YES, COLONEL KHARZOV, AT ONCE!



KAREN'S NOT HERE YET...WONDER IF ANYTHING WENT WRONG? NO, HERE SHE COMES NOW!

AND SOON, NEAR THE CASTLE...



JOHN!
HURRY,
I'VE GOT
THE
FILMS!

KAREN! YOUR
VOICE HAS
CHANGED SO!
BUT IT STILL
DOESN'T MAKE
ANY DIFFERENCE.



YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL
I'LL EVER LOVE...AND
WHEN THIS WAR'S
OVER WE'RE GOING
TO SETTLE DOWN AND...
WAIT!

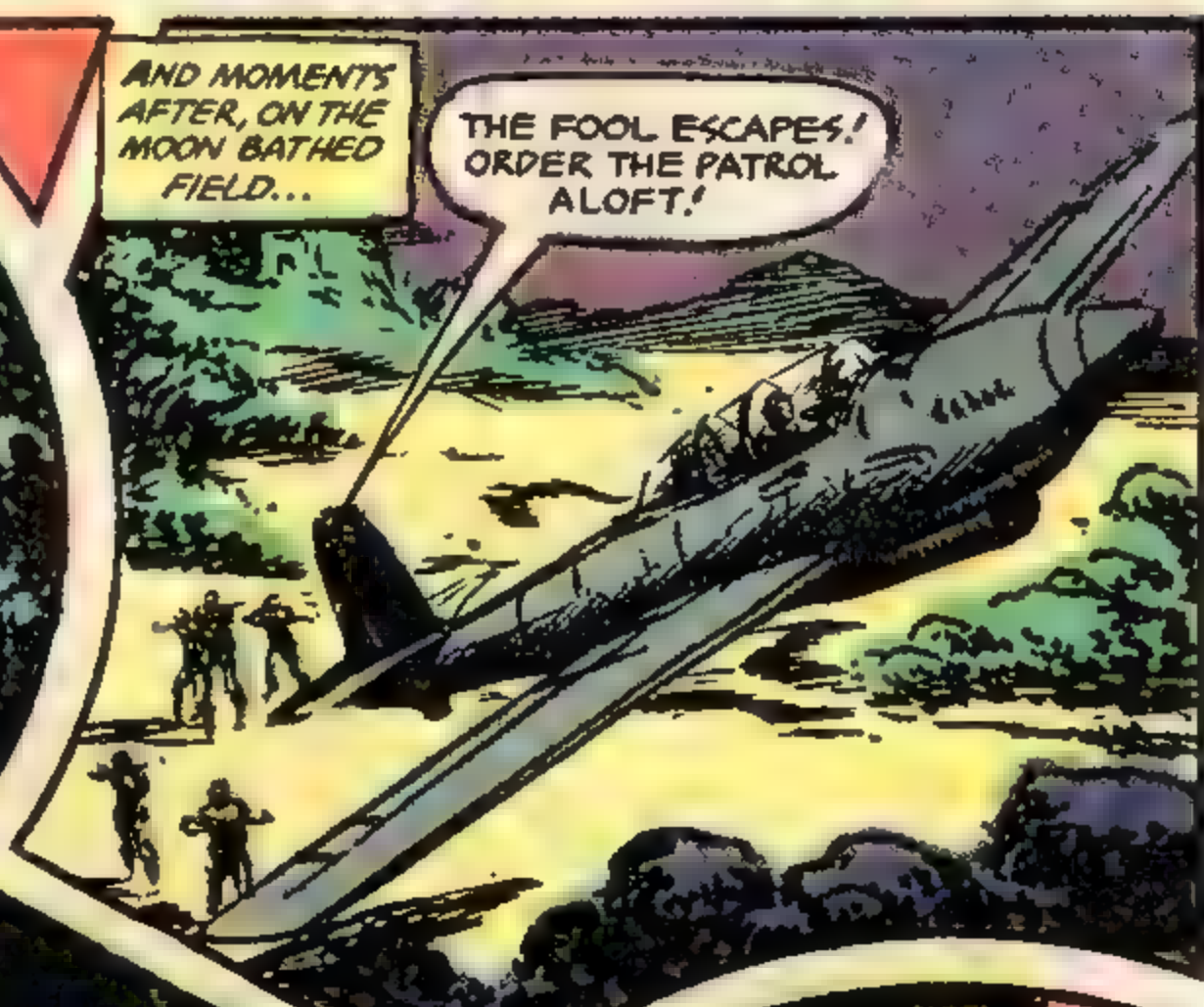


YOU-
YOU'RE
NOT
KAREN-

NO, SHE IS SAFE
IN THE COLONEL'S
TOWER! GUARDS,
SEIZE THE YANKEE!



THOUGHT YOU'D STALL ME
LONG ENOUGH FOR YOUR STOOGES
TO CLOSE IN, EH? OUT OF MY
WAY SISTER, THEY WON'T GET
ME!



AND MOMENTS
AFTER, ON THE
MOON BATHED
FIELD...

THE FOOL ESCAPES!
ORDER THE PATROL
ALOFT!

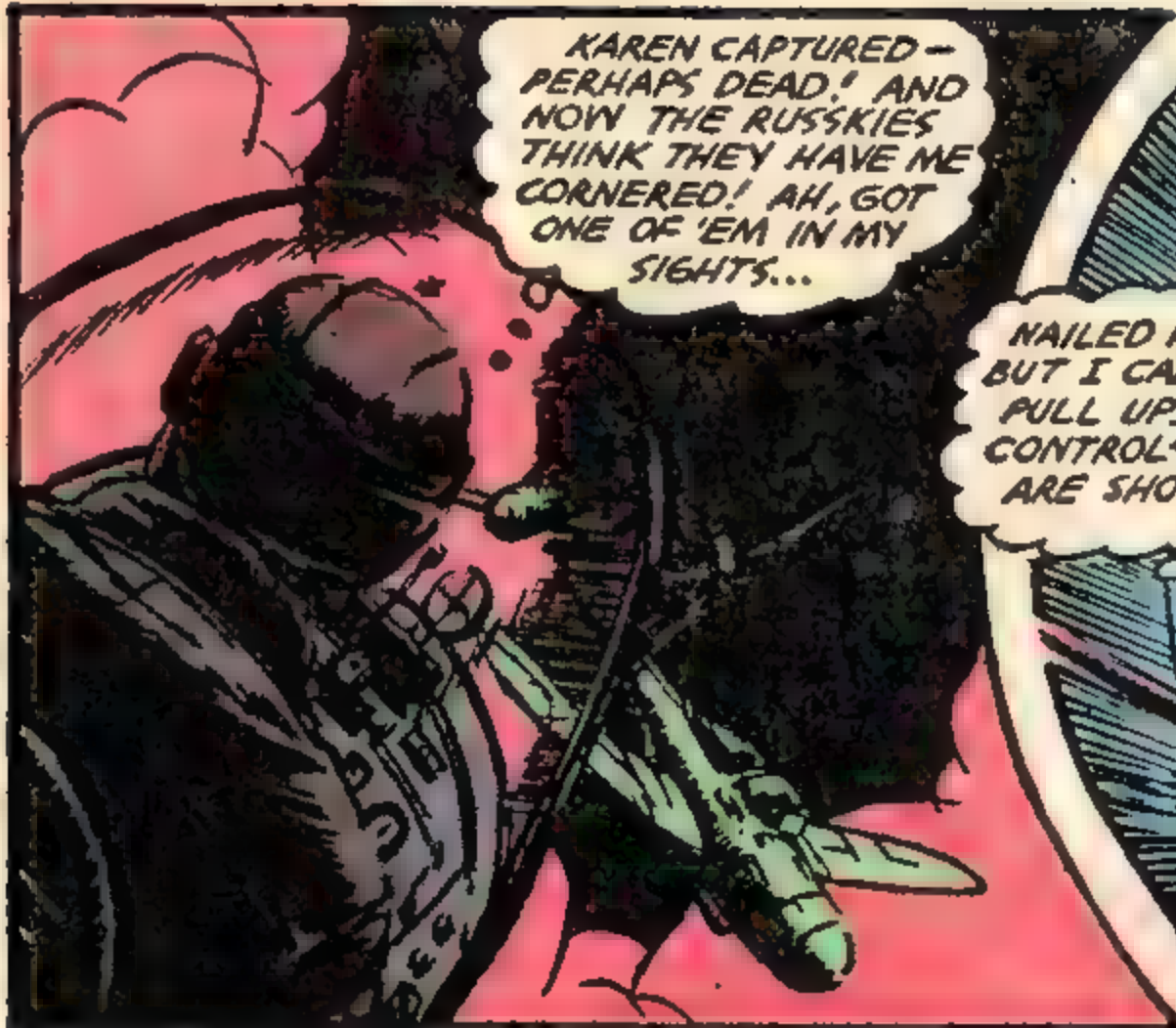


BAH! HE HAS NO CHANCE!
COME COMRADES -BUT TAKE
CARE, THE COLONEL WANTS
HIM ALIVE!



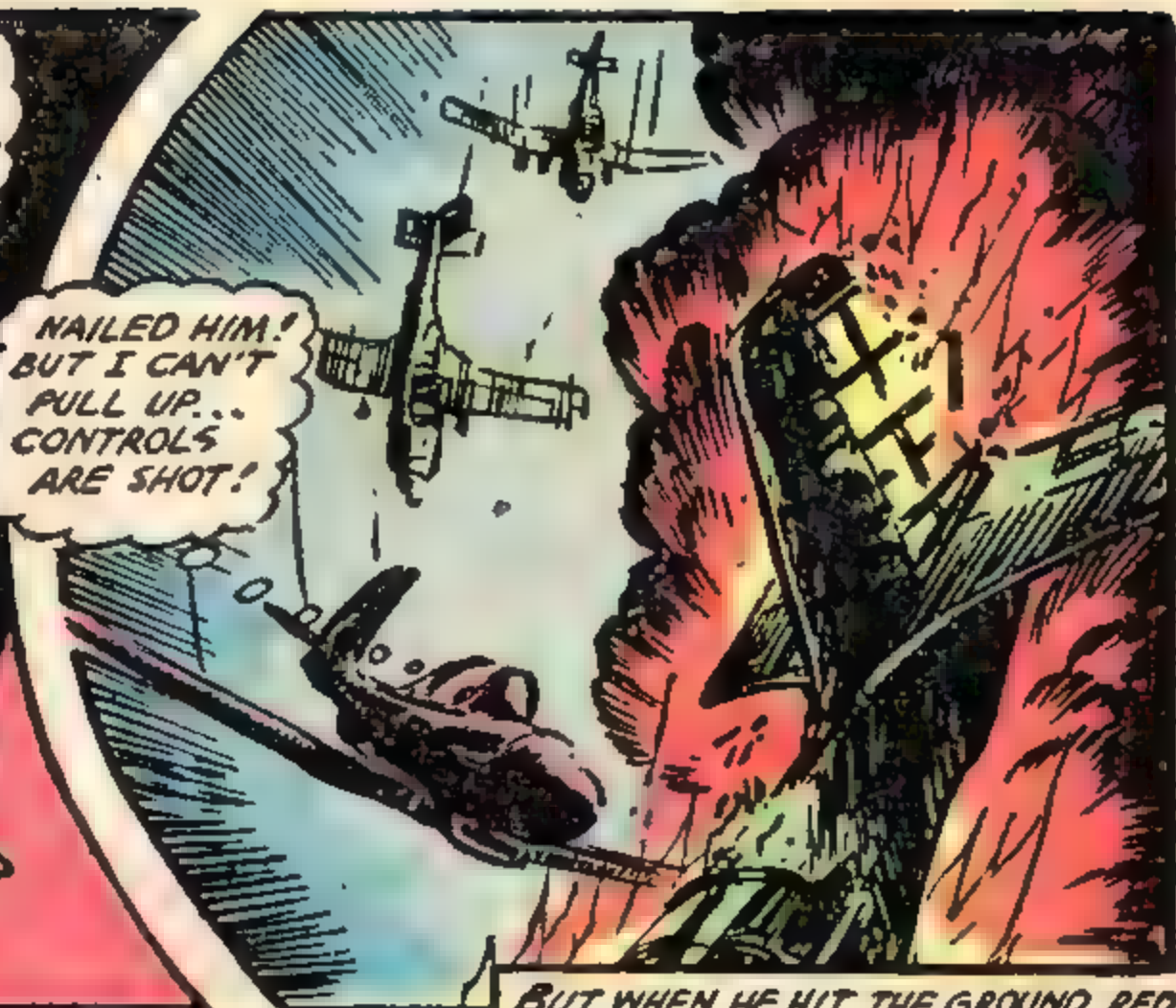
AND THEN, IN THE
NIGHT SKY, THE
GRIM DO-OR-DIE
CHASE BEGINS...

MISS! AND THE
ODDS ARE ONLY TEN
TO ONE...CAN'T OUT-
DISTANCE 'EM IN THIS
FUEL HEAVY CRATE...
GOTTA TURN AND
FIGHT!



KAREN CAPTURED - PERHAPS DEAD! AND NOW THE RUSSKIES THINK THEY HAVE ME CORNERED! AH, GOT ONE OF 'EM IN MY SIGHTS...

NAILED HIM! BUT I CAN'T PULL UP... CONTROLS ARE SHOT!



BUT WHEN HE HIT THE GROUND, RED STARRED SOLDIERS WERE THERE WAITING... AND...



NOW THE FAT'S REALLY IN THE FIRE - THE EXTRA GAS I'M CARRYING IS BURNING! I GOT TO BAIL OUT - IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE!



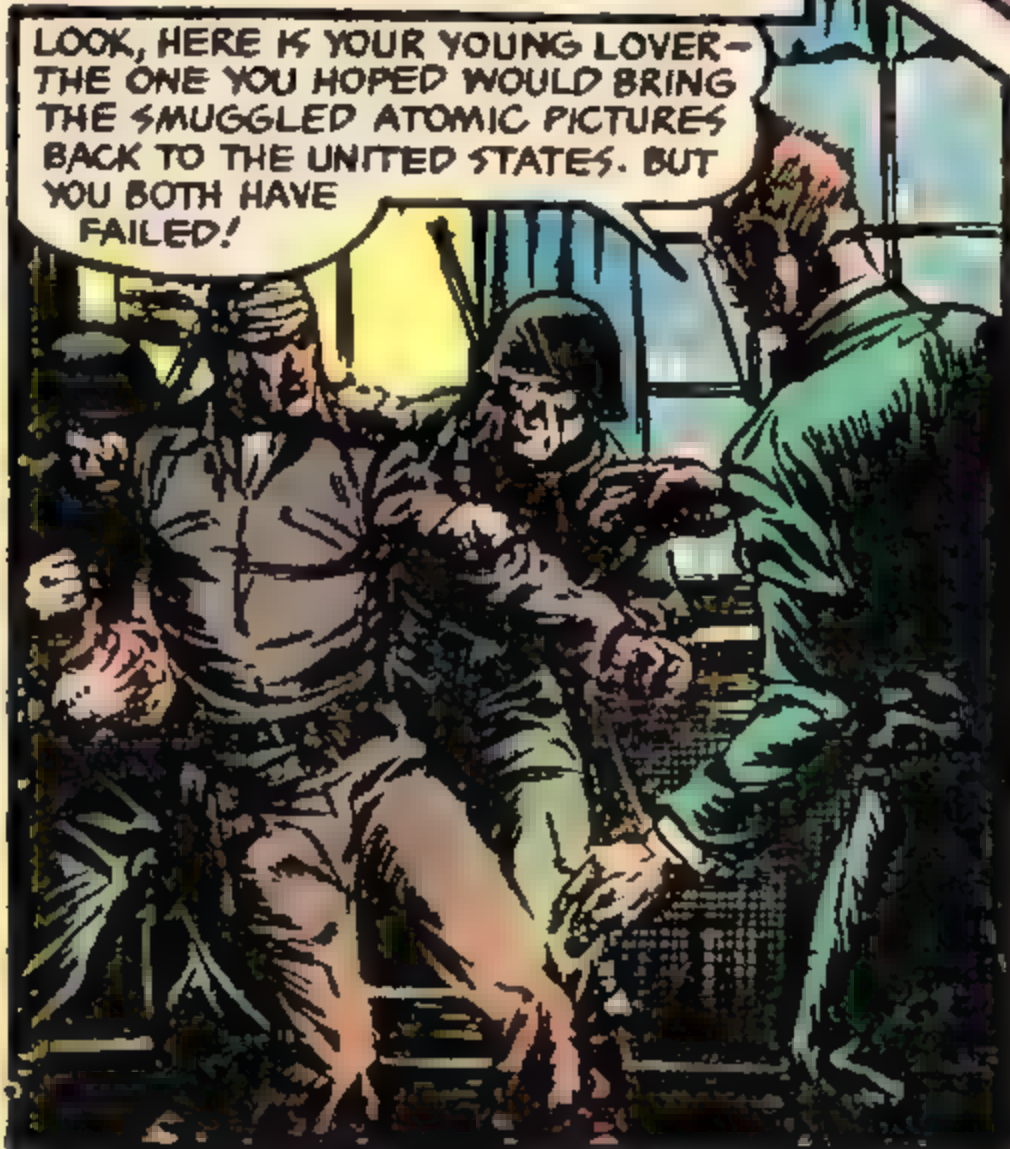
AND AS THE FIERY PLANE PLUMMETS EARTHWARD...

MADE IT! IF MY LUCK STILL HOLDS I CAN REACH THE COAST ON FOOT!



YOU TRICKED ME INTO TELLING YOU THE PILOT'S NAME, BUT YOU'LL NEVER MAKE ME TALK AGAIN!

THERE ARE WAYS, ARROGANT FOOL! BRING IN THE CAPTURED YANKEE!

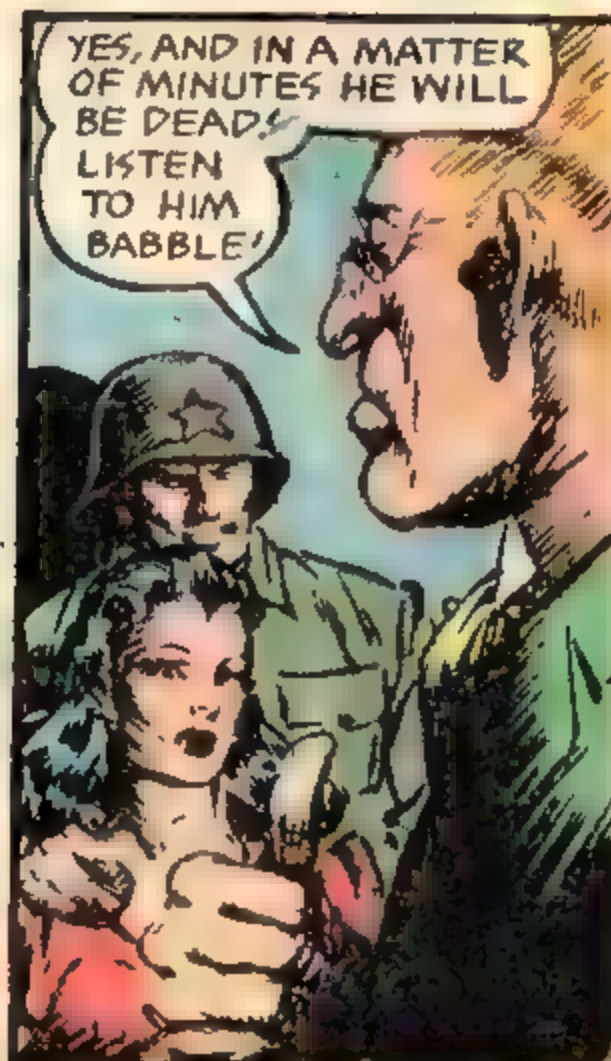


LOOK, HERE IS YOUR YOUNG LOVER - THE ONE YOU HOPED WOULD BRING THE SMUGGLED ATOMIC PICTURES BACK TO THE UNITED STATES. BUT YOU BOTH HAVE FAILED!



SPEAK UP! TELL ME ALL YOU KNOW... WHAT OTHER SPIES ARE PLANTED IN OUR DEMOCRACY?

DEMOCRACY ME EYE! TELL THE BIG BOY FOR ME THAT HE CAN TAKE THE MUSTACHE OFF - HE'S STILL A RAT, AND HE'S NOT FOOLIN' UNCLE SAMMIE!



LATER, IMPRISONED
IN THE TOWER . . .

JOHN'S DEAD...THE WHOLE
MISSION A FAILURE AND...
WHO'S THAT?



IT'S ME, KAREN, JOHN!
DON'T BE FRIGHTENED-
I'VE COME TO HELP
YOU. IT'S STILL NOT TOO
LATE!



I MUST
BE MAD.
HEARING
VOICES-
SEEING
THINGS.

NO, LISTEN TO ME! THE CONFIDENT
COLONEL STILL HASN'T BOTHERED
TO TAKE THOSE PICTURES AWAY
FROM YOU. YOU MUST GET THEM
BACK TO INTELLIGENCE. HURRY,
CLIMB DOWN THE VINES...PLEASE
TRUST ME!



I'M GOING TO MAKE
IT! HE'S SHOWING ME
THE WAY!



WHILE, NEARBY...



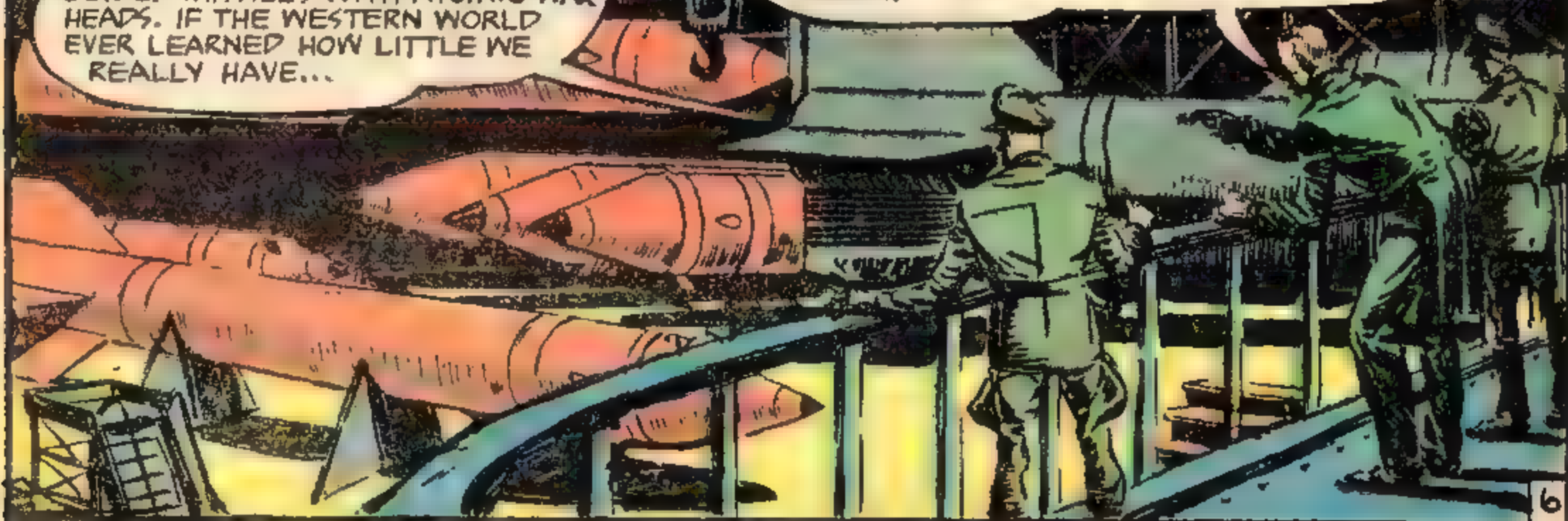
COME, THERE IS TIME
ENOUGH TO DISPOSE OF THE
SPY WHO POSED AS A
GOVERNESS. SHOW ME THE
STOCKPILE OF OUR ATOMIC
WEAPONS...

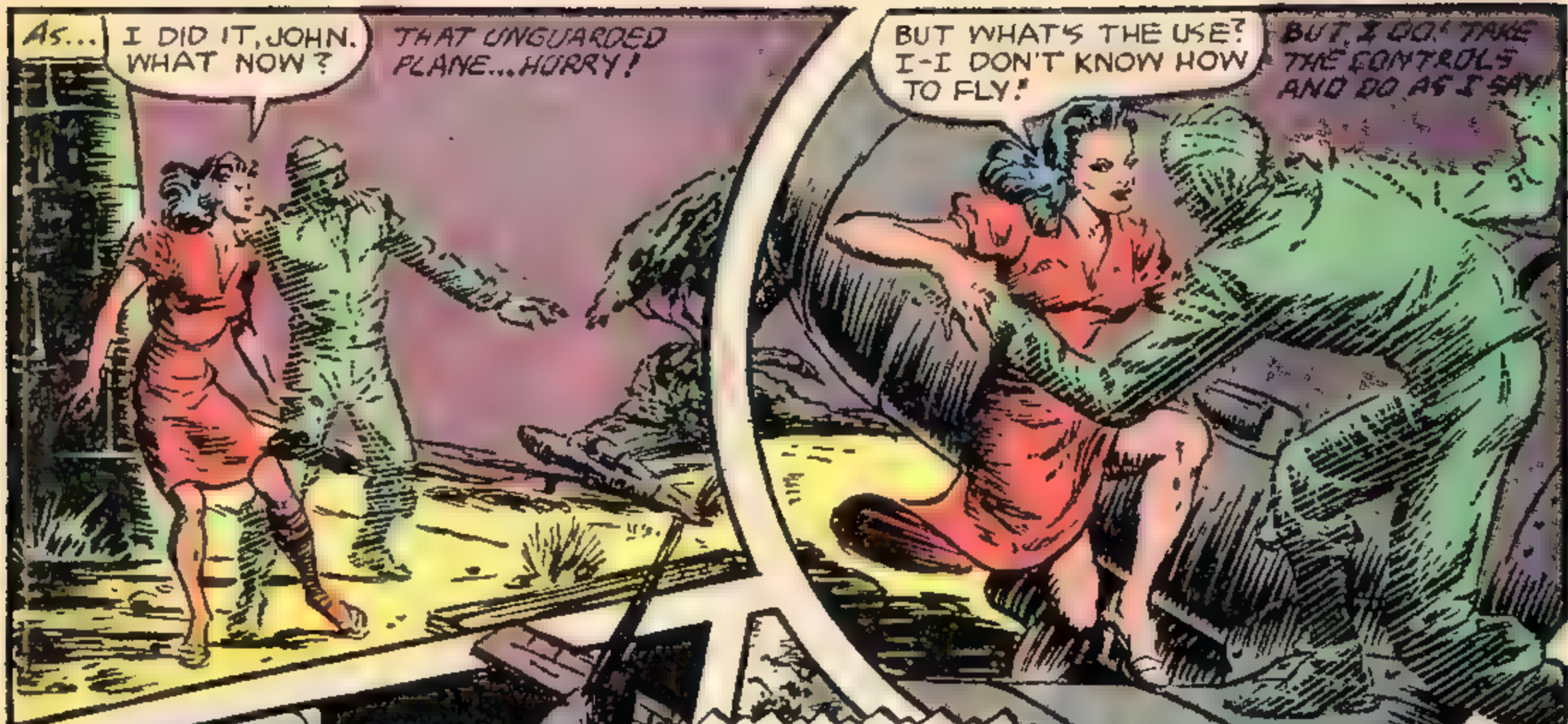


AND HIDDEN BENEATH THE DAM...

IT IS PRECIOUS LITTLE, COLONEL
KHARZOV. A FEW PRIMITIVE A-BOMBS,
GUIDED MISSILES WITH ATOMIC WAR
HEADS. IF THE WESTERN WORLD
EVER LEARNED HOW LITTLE WE
REALLY HAVE...

THEY WILL NEVER KNOW MY FRIEND. AND AS
FAR AS OUR SATELLITES ARE CONCERNED, THEY
WILL SWALLOW ANY PROPAGANDA WE FEED
THEM. BUT ENOUGH, BACK TO THE TOWER
ROOM!



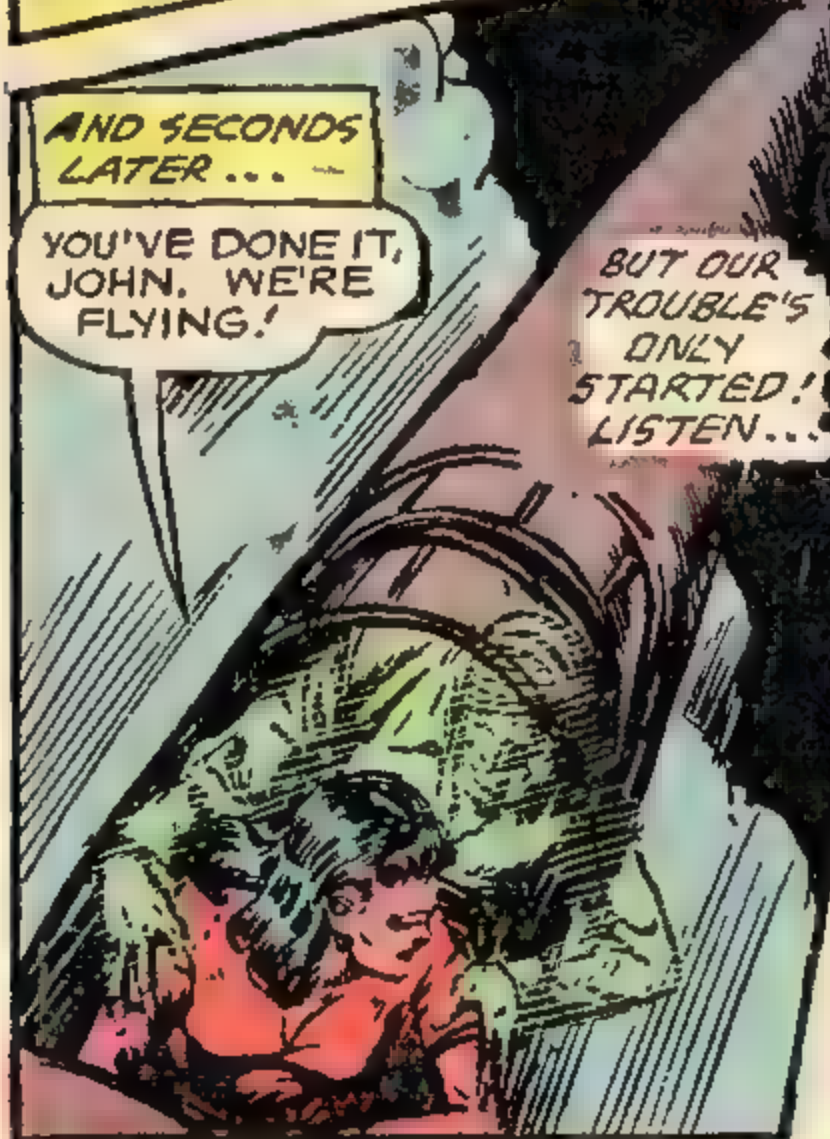


As... I DID IT, JOHN. WHAT NOW?

THAT UNGUARDED PLANE... HURRY!

BUT WHAT'S THE USE? I-I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FLY!

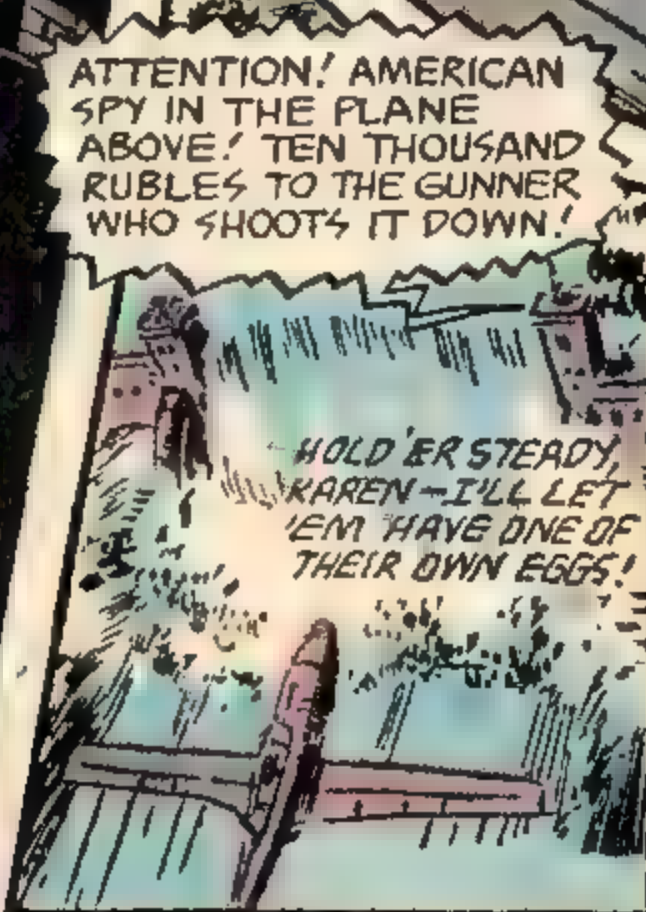
BUT I DO! TAKE THE CONTROLS AND DO AS I SAY!



AND SECONDS LATER...

YOU'VE DONE IT, JOHN. WE'RE FLYING!

BUT OUR TROUBLE'S ONLY STARTED! LISTEN...

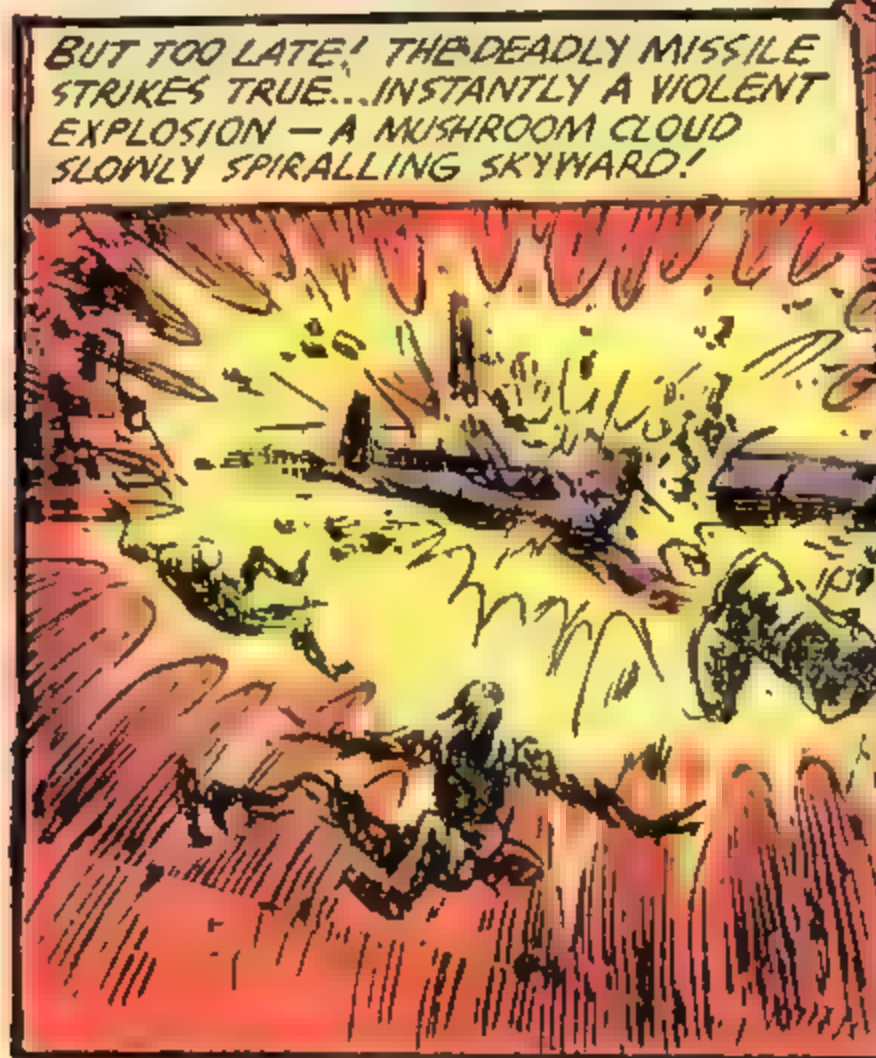


ATTENTION! AMERICAN SPY IN THE PLANE ABOVE! TEN THOUSAND RUBLES TO THE GUNNER WHO SHOTS IT DOWN!

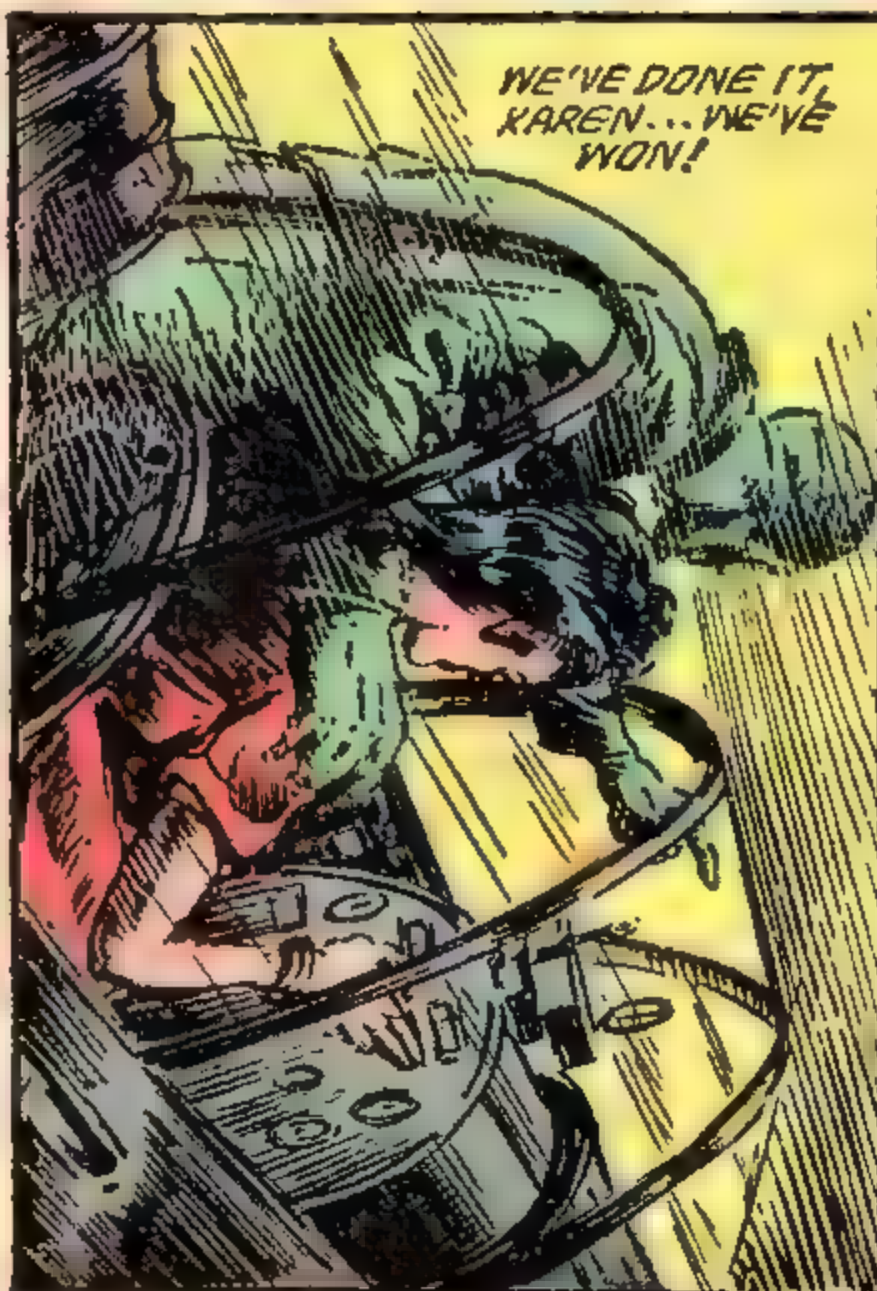
HOLD 'ER STEADY, KAREN—I'LL LET 'EM HAVE ONE OF THEIR OWN EGGS!



WATCH OUT! THE PLANE BANKS TO BOMB US!



BUT TOO LATE! THE DEADLY MISSILE STRIKES TRUE... INSTANTLY A VIOLENT EXPLOSION—A MUSHROOM CLOUD SLOWLY SPIRALLING SKYWARD!



WE'VE DONE IT, KAREN... WE'VE WON!

AND LATER IN AMERICA, THE HIGH COMMAND COULD SCARCELY BELIEVE THAT THE HAGGARD GIRL WITH HARDLY ANY FUEL... WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF FLYING... HAD CROSSED THE BROAD ATLANTIC! THEY PAID LITTLE ATTENTION WHEN SHE SAID THAT JOHN HAD HELPED HER... YET HOW TO EXPLAIN THE FILMS SHE RETURNED WITH?... FILMS THAT EVEN NOW GIVE US A STRONGER SENSE OF SECURITY!

The GHOST GALLERY

BY DREW MURDOCH

**THE NEWS
BOY KIDNAPPED
\$100,000 RANSOM DEMANDED!**
THOMAS PRESTON, EIGHT YEAR OLD SON OF
MRS. LUCY PRESTON, WAS ABDUCTED ON HIS
WAY TO SCHOOL YESTERDAY. AFTER RE-
CEIVING THE RANSOM NOTE, MRS. PRESTON
INSISTED THE POLICE
"KEEP HANDS OFF!"

SHE WAS FRANTIC WITH FEAR...
"YOU WILL NEVER SEE YOUR BOY
AGAIN IF YOU BETRAY US!"
THE SCRAWLED NOTE HAD SAID. AND
NOW SHE CAME STUMBLING INTO HER
BROTHER'S OFFICE...

I SEE THAT
YOU'VE SOLD MY
BONDS. IS THE
MONEY READY
FOR ME?

NO, LUCY. THAT MONEY
ON THE DESK BELONGS TO
ANOTHER CLIENT. THAT
RANSOM NOTE MAY BE A
FAKE.

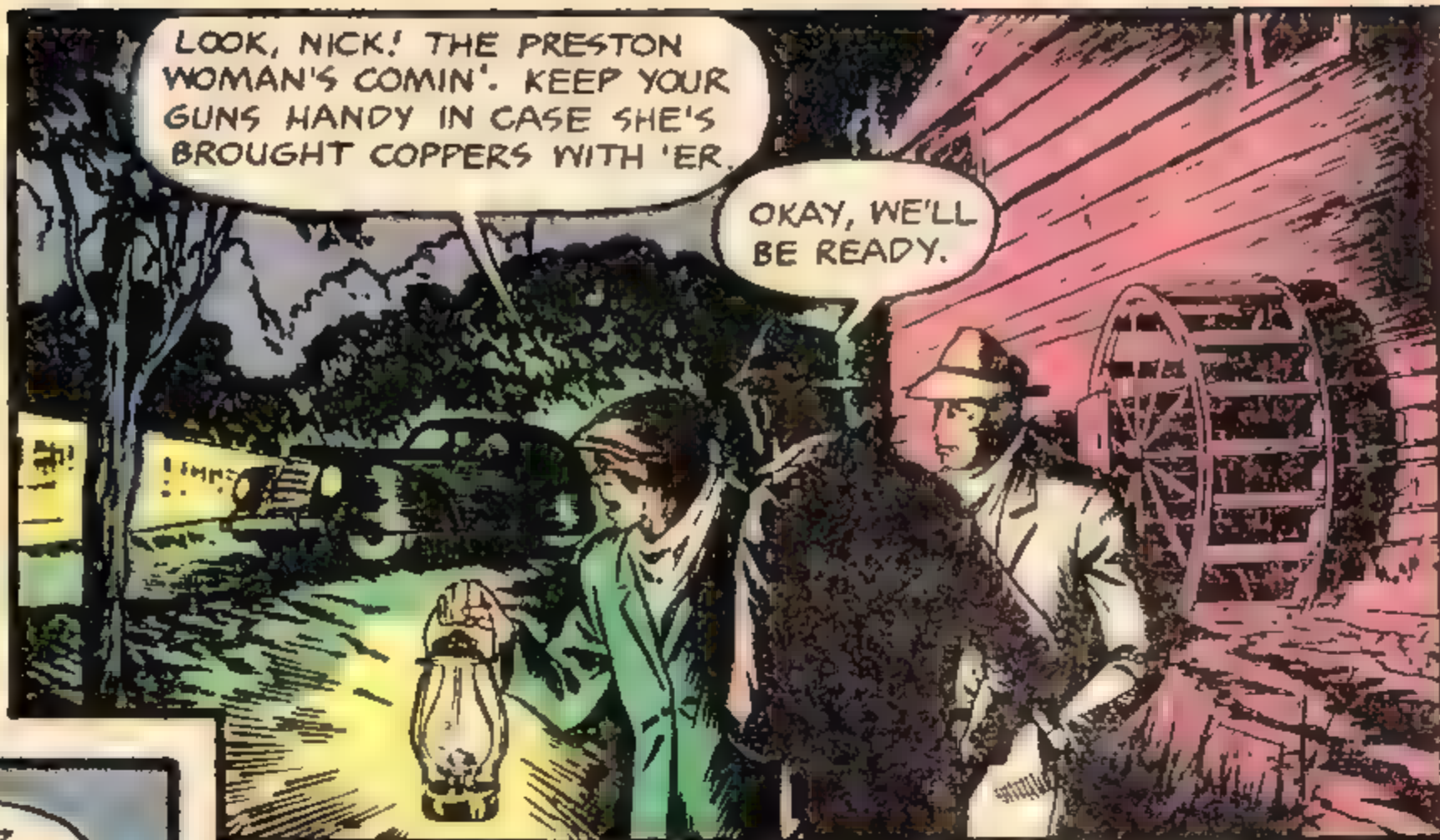
TOMMY WAS
WEARING THIS WHEN
THEY TOOK HIM. THEY
SENT IT ALONG WITH
THEIR DEMAND.

LUCY! I'M TURNING THE
CASE OVER TO THE POLICE.
THEY'LL FIND TOMMY...
DON'T WORRY!

WHEN THE KIDNAPPERS
HEAR THAT, THEY'LL
KILL MY BOY! I'M GOING
TO TAKE THIS MONEY
AND PAY THEM... AND
YOU WON'T STOP ME!

LUCY! ARE YOU
MAD... STOP!
OHHH!

HALF BLINDED FROM THE PAIN OF THE BLOW, HER BROTHER TRIED TO STOP HER... BUT SHE WAS TOO FAST FOR HIM. SHE SWEEPED THE MONEY INTO HER POCKETBOOK AND RUSHED OUT. IT WAS MIDNIGHT WHEN SHE ARRIVED AT THE RENDEZVOUS...



LOOK, NICK! THE PRESTON WOMAN'S COMIN'. KEEP YOUR GUNS HANDY IN CASE SHE'S BROUGHT COPPERS WITH 'ER.

OKAY, WE'LL BE READY.

SECONDS LATER...

WHERE'S TOMMY? YOU HAVEN'T BROUGHT HIM WITH YOU!



NO. BUT DON'T WORRY. YOU'LL GET YOUR KID AFTER WE GET OUR DOUGH!

HERE IT IS... GIVE ME MY BOY! YOU HAVEN'T HURT HIM?



NAW, MA'AM. YOU STAY HERE WITH ME WHILE THE OTHERS GET AWAY. IS THE MONEY ALL THERE, JAKE?

I'M COUNTING IT... HEY... THESE BILLS ARE MARKED!



...IT WAS A SWELL TRICK, MA'AM, BUT IT WON'T WORK! YOU THOUGHT YOU'D GET THE KID AND HAVE THE COPS PICK US UP LATER WHEN WE TRIED TO SPEND THIS...



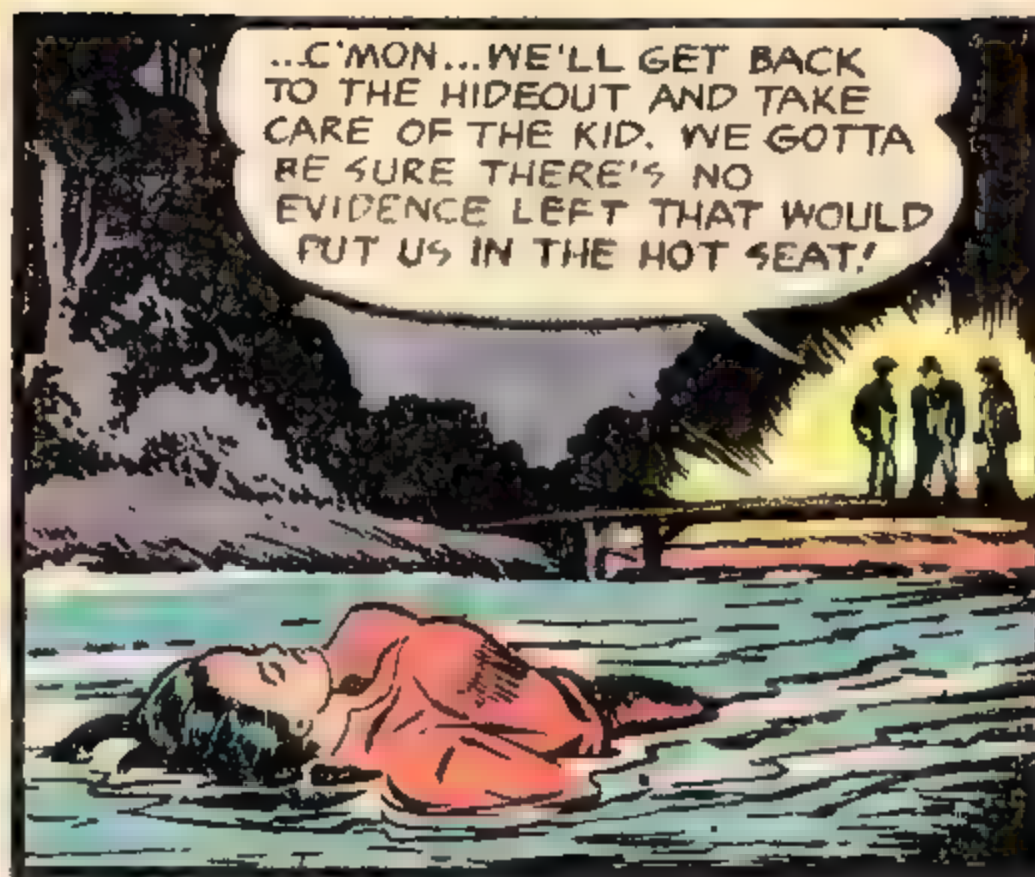
DUMP 'ER IN THE RIVER, BOYS. WE GOTTA SCRAM OUT OF HERE FAST!

NO! NO! IT'S ALL A MISTAKE... OHHH!





THE CURRENT'LL TAKE HER DOWN STREAM, SO IT'LL BE A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE THEY FIND HER BODY...



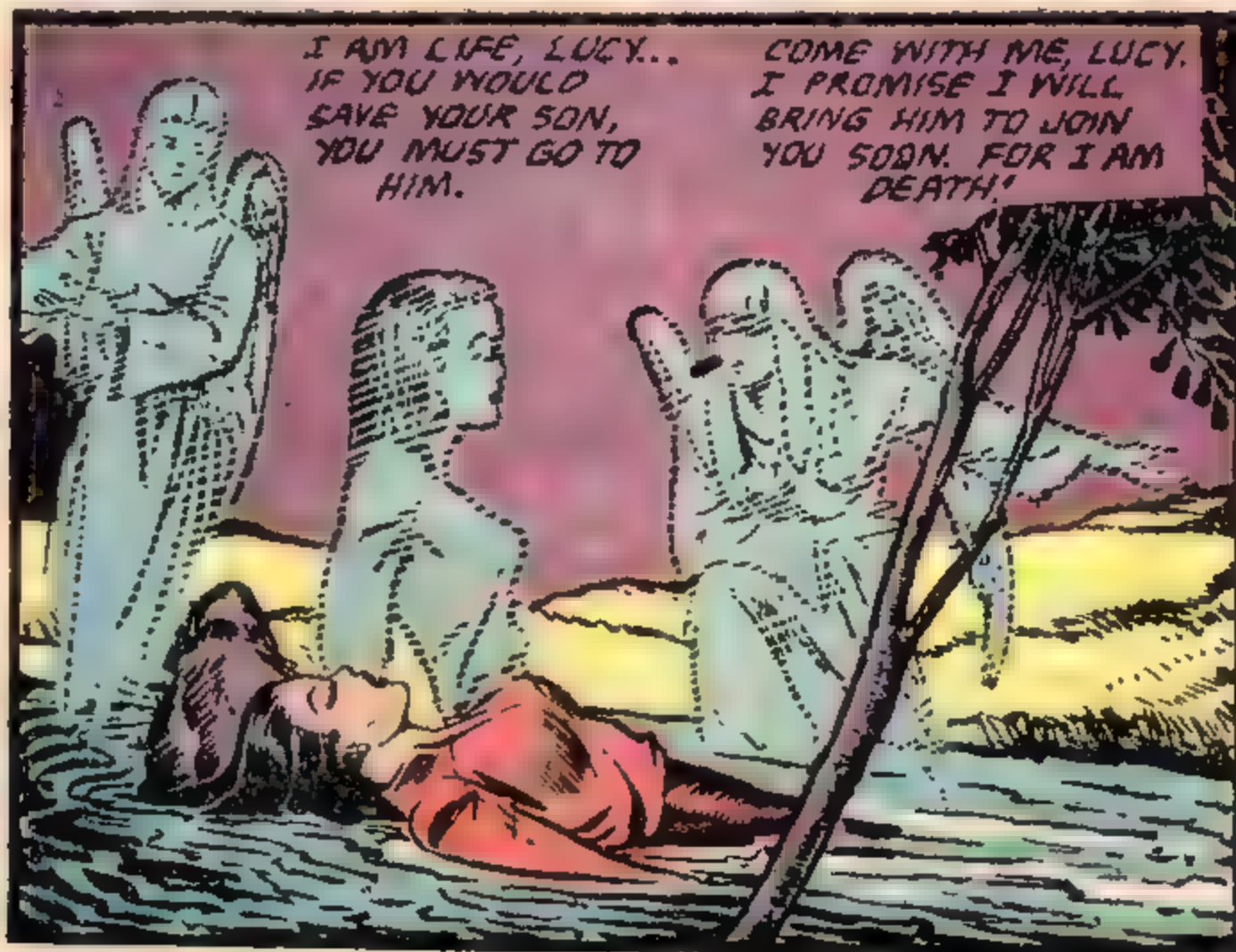
...C'MON...WE'LL GET BACK TO THE HIDEOUT AND TAKE CARE OF THE KID. WE GOTTA BE SURE THERE'S NO EVIDENCE LEFT THAT WOULD PUT US IN THE HOT SEAT!

MEANWHILE, TWO MISTY FORMS HOVERED OVER LUCY'S BODY...



AS LONG AS SHE BREATHES, SHE IS STILL MINE, SISTER.

HER GHOST AWAKENS... SHE WILL DECIDE WHICH OF US TO FOLLOW.



I AM LIFE, LUCY... IF YOU WOULD SAVE YOUR SON, YOU MUST GO TO HIM.

COME WITH ME, LUCY. I PROMISE I WILL BRING HIM TO JOIN YOU SOON. FOR I AM DEATH!

LUCY'S GHOST ROSE FROM HER BODY...STARED AT THE TWO FORMS, THEN SLOWLY TURNED AND TRUDGED DOWN THE ROAD...



I CHOSE TO LIVE... FOR I MUST SAVE MY BOY!

WHILE AHEAD, IN THE HIDEOUT...

CAN I GO HOME NOW, LADY? HASN'T MY MOTHER PAID THE MONEY?

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT. THE BOYS ARE COMING NOW!



IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, NICK? DID SHE PAY UP?

YEAH...WITH MARKED DOUGH. WE HAD TO BUMP 'ER OFF...AN' THE KID GOES NEXT.



AS IN THE BEDROOM...

TOMMY! TOMMY!
I'M HERE WITH
YOU, TOMMY!

MOTHER! YOU
SPOKE TO ME?
WHERE ARE YOU?

HERE, SON. I'M
GOING TO STAY WITH YOU.
DON'T BE AFRAID!

BUT MOTHER—
WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU? YOU'RE
SO DIFFERENT?

AS...

SO THE KID'S MOTHER
WAS GIVING US THE
DOUBLE CROSS, EH? WHAT'LL
WE DO WITH HIM?

BRING HIM HERE
AN' I'LL SHOW
YOU...

OKAY! NOW HOLD
HIM WHILE I GIVE
HIM A DOSE OF
THIS KNOCKOUT
DOPE.

COME ALONG...
YOU'VE BEEN
CRYING FOR YOUR
MOTHER...SO
WE'RE SENDING
YOU TO HER.

SURE...BUT
YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE A
COFFIN!

GOOD IDEA, NICK. HE'S
OUT COLD ALREADY.
THE BOYS HAVE THE
BOX READY.

I KNOW A SPOT
IN THE WOODS
WHERE WE CAN
BURY HIM SO
HE'LL NEVER
BE FOUND.

AN' THEN WE'RE SAFE.
HE'S THE ONLY ONE
WHO COULD EVER
IDENTIFY US.

LOAD IT ON THE
BACK OF THE CAR.
THE QUICKER WE'VE
WASHED OUR HANDS
OF THIS MESS, THE
BETTER.

SUITS ME, I DON'T
WANT TO SPEND THE
REST OF MY LIFE IN
JAIL!

AND NOW FATE CHOSE THIS
VERY HOUR FOR A GIRL TO
TAKE A FLYING LESSON...

MY FIRST DAY AT THE
CONTROLS. I'M
SCARED, STEVE.

PUT ON
THE EAR PHONES...
JUST FOLLOW
DIRECTIONS AND
YOU'LL BE ALL
RIGHT.

"AND SOON..."

FINE, SUE, NOW
PULL BACK A
LITTLE ON THE
STICK.

HIS VOICE DRONED ON...
BUT NOW IT WAS NOT
THE SAME...

NO! NO! PUSH IT
FORWARD...

I THOUGHT
YOU SAID TO
PULL IT BACK.

HARDER... PUSH IT
HARDER. HURRY!

YES...YES...
BUT WE'RE
DIVING!

THE PLANE ROARED DOWN...STRAIGHT
TOWARD THE RACING CAR...

LET GO OF THE STICK,
SUE...I'LL TAKE OVER...
YOU'LL KILL US BOTH!

THEN DO IT
YOURSELF, I'VE
JUST BEEN
FOLLOWING YOUR
DIRECTIONS!

AND BELOW, IN
THAT DEATH CAR...

THAT PLANE'S GOING
TO CRASH US! HERE...
GIMME THAT WHEEL!

BUT AS THE PLANE ZOOMED...

HANG ON,
EVERYBODY...
WE'RE GOIN' TO
CRASH!

AND SECONDS LATER...

WHEW... THAT WAS CLOSE... ANYONE HURT?

NAW... AND THE CRATE DIDN'T BREAK. WATCH WHAT YOU SAY... THE COPS ARE COMING!



NO ONE'S HURT, OFFICER. JUST SEND BACK A WRECKING CAR AND WE'LL MANAGE.

WE SAW WHAT HAPPENED... YOU WERE LUCKY.



THERE... REPORT'S ALL MADE OUT. WE'LL TRACE THAT PLANE. AND I'LL SEND A MECHANIC RIGHT OUT.

PLEASE HURRY OFFICER. WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT.



THEY'RE COOL ONES... MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE HYSTERICAL AFTER SUCH A CLOSE CALL.

YEAH... SEEMED LIKE ALL THEY WANTED WAS TO GET US OUT OF HERE.



LOOK IN THE BOX, OFFICER! GO BACK AND LOOK IN THE BOX!

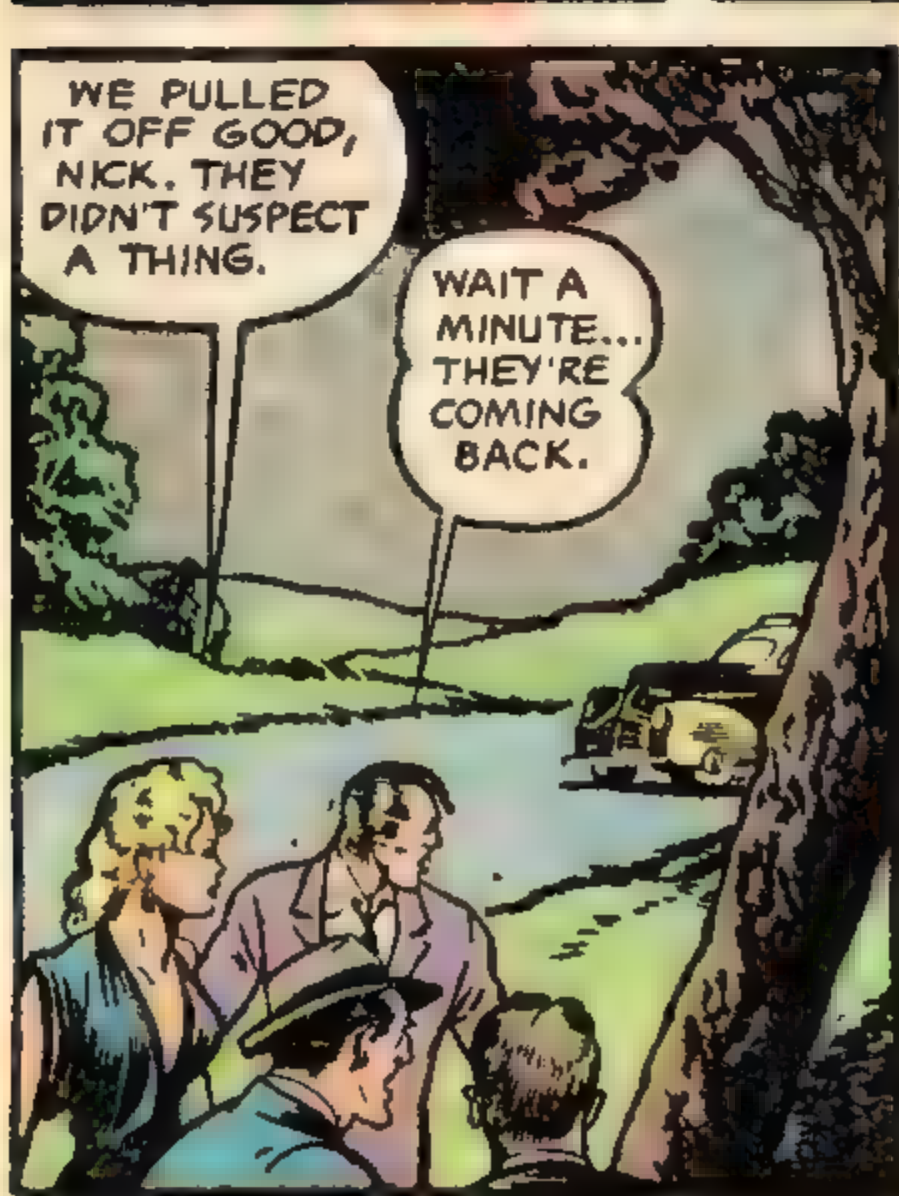
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, BILL?

ABOUT THE BOX? THEN YOU HEARD IT TOO. I'M TURNING AROUND!



WE PULLED IT OFF GOOD, NICK. THEY DIDN'T SUSPECT A THING.

WAIT A MINUTE... THEY'RE COMING BACK.



HEY, WHAT'S THE IDEA OF THAT GUN, OFFICER?

JUST CURIOUS. I'M TAKING A LOOK INSIDE THAT CRATE, AND I DON'T WANT INTERFERENCE. GET UP!

BE CAREFULL OFFICER... KEEP THEM COVERED!



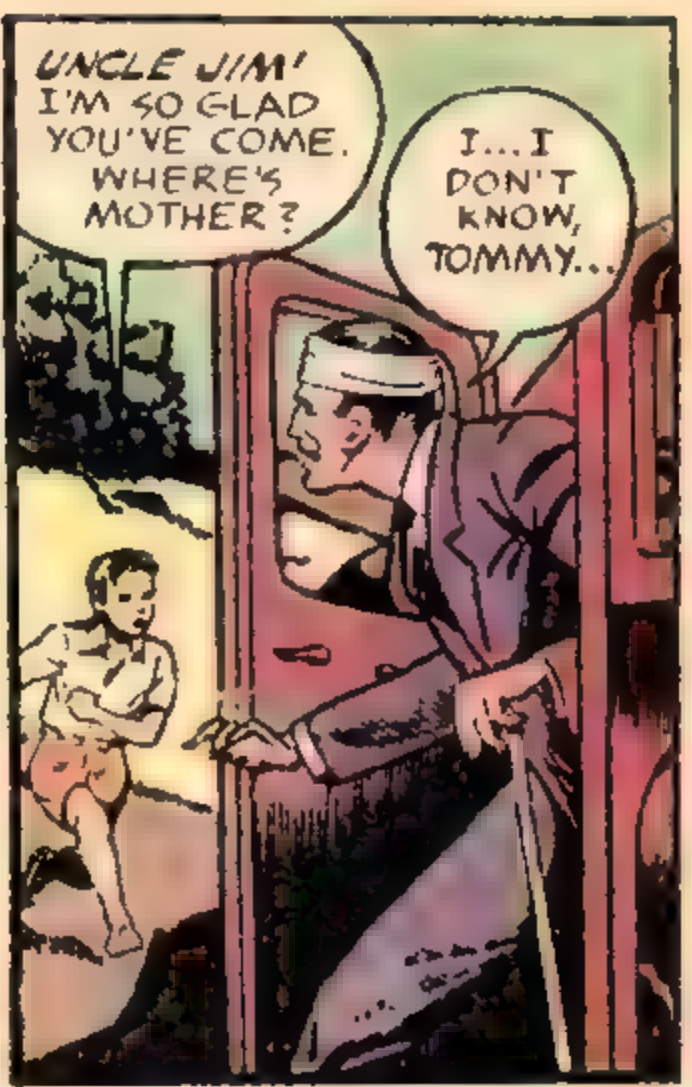


AND SECONDS LATER...

A BOY! DON'T ANYONE MOVE! ALL RIGHT, SONNY... WHO ARE YOU?

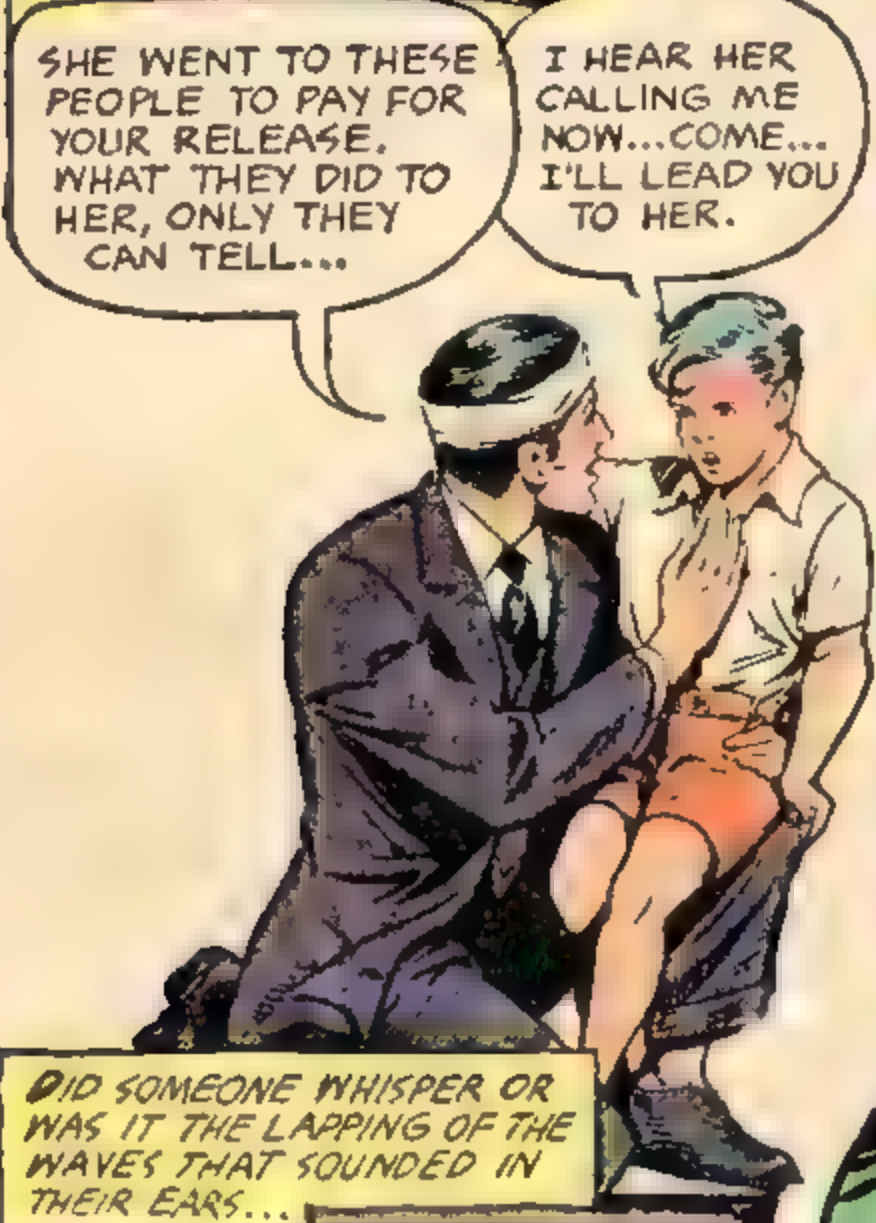


TOMMY PRESTON! THEY SAID THEY WERE COMING TO TAKE ME TO MY MOTHER. WHY... THERE'S UNCLE JIM!



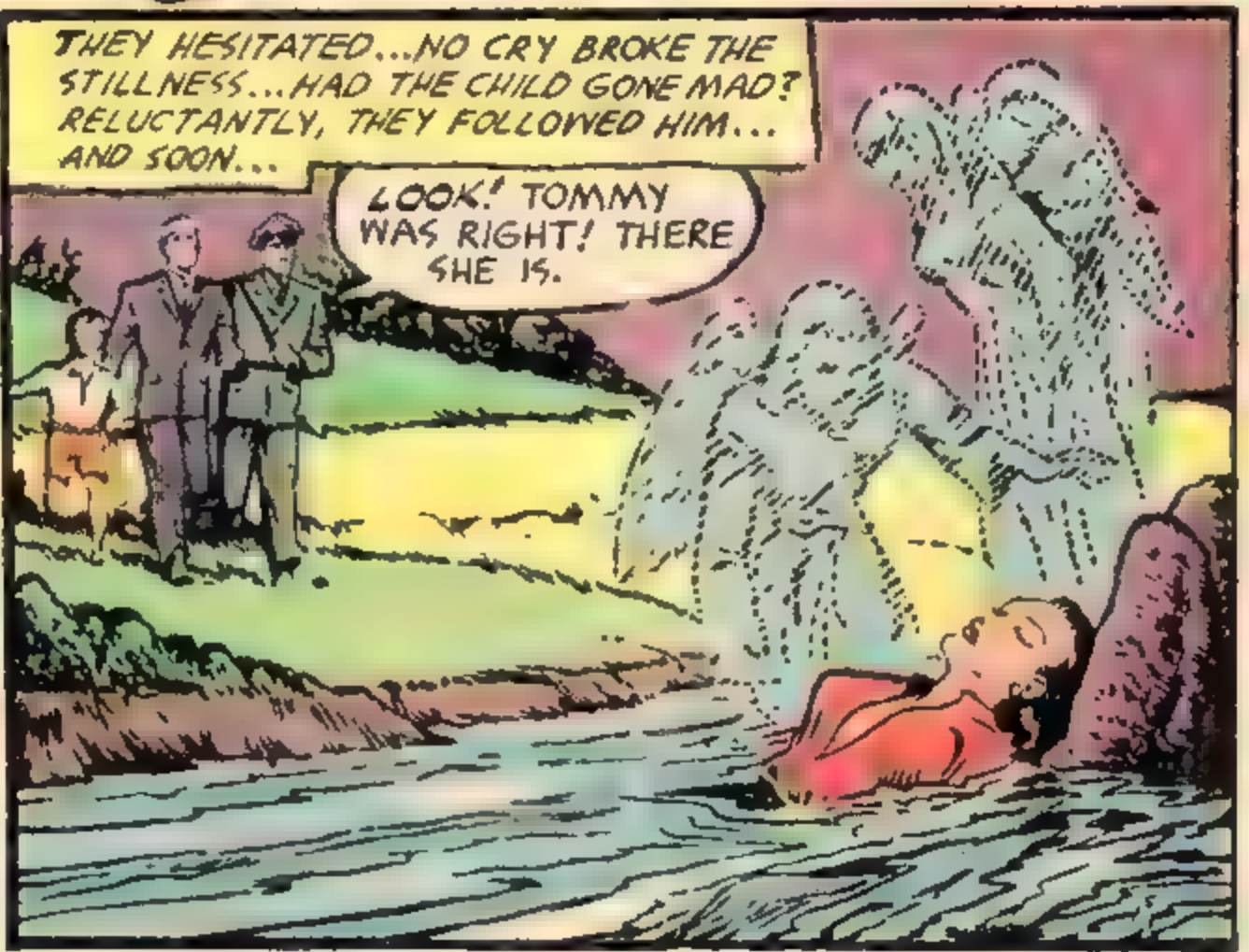
UNCLE JIM! I'M SO GLAD YOU'VE COME. WHERE'S MOTHER?

I... I DON'T KNOW, TOMMY...



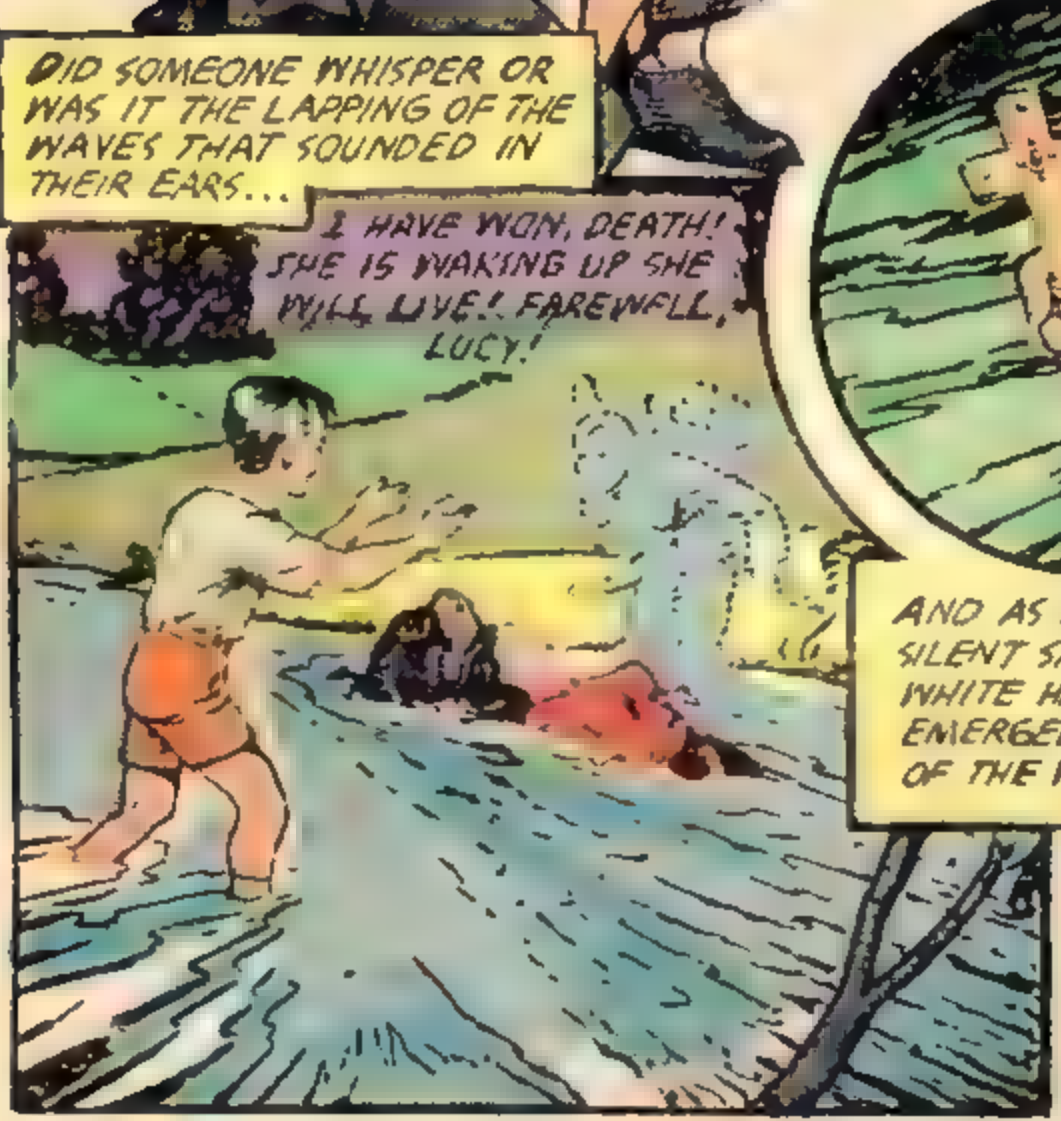
SHE WENT TO THESE PEOPLE TO PAY FOR YOUR RELEASE. WHAT THEY DID TO HER, ONLY THEY CAN TELL...

I HEAR HER CALLING ME NOW... COME... I'LL LEAD YOU TO HER.



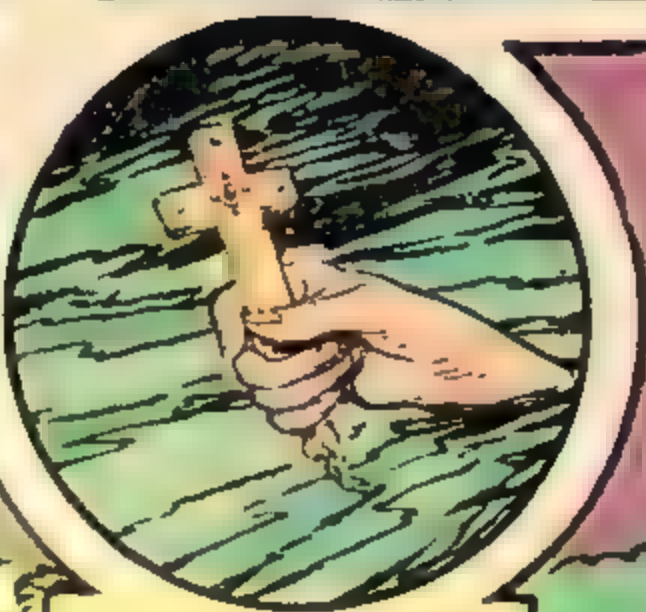
THEY HESITATED... NO CRY BROKE THE STILLNESS... HAD THE CHILD GONE MAD? RELUCTANTLY, THEY FOLLOWED HIM... AND SOON...

LOOK! TOMMY WAS RIGHT! THERE SHE IS.

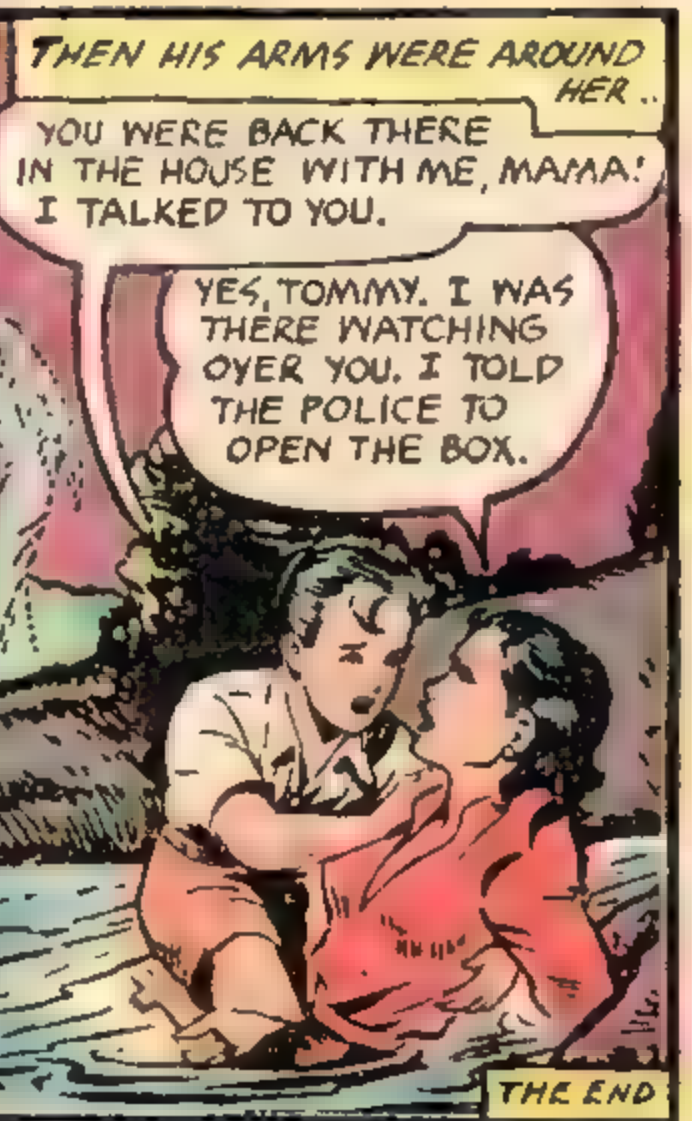


DID SOMEONE WHISPER OR WAS IT THE LAPPING OF THE WAVES THAT SOUNDED IN THEIR EARS...

I HAVE WON, DEATH! SHE IS WAKING UP SHE WILL LIVE! FAREWELL, LUCY!



AND AS THOUGH IN SILENT SALUTE, HER WHITE HAND SLOWLY EMERGED FROM OUT OF THE WATER...



THEN HIS ARMS WERE AROUND HER...

YOU WERE BACK THERE IN THE HOUSE WITH ME, MAMA! I TALKED TO YOU.

YES, TOMMY. I WAS THERE WATCHING OVER YOU. I TOLD THE POLICE TO OPEN THE BOX.

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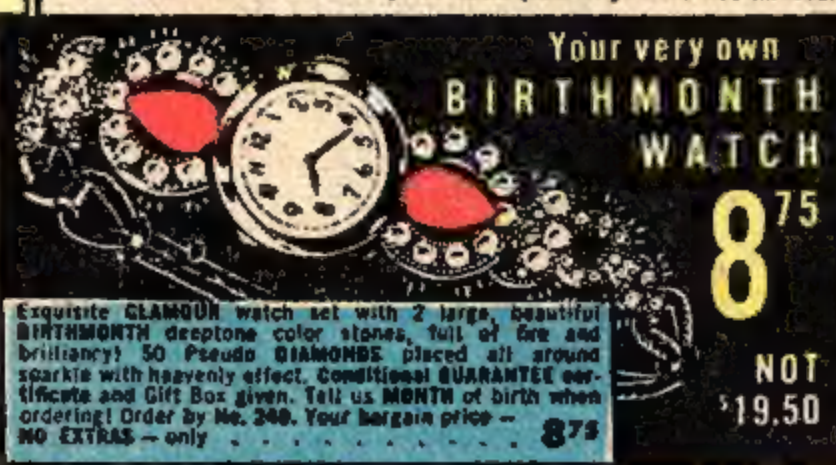
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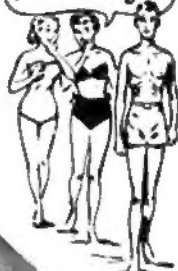
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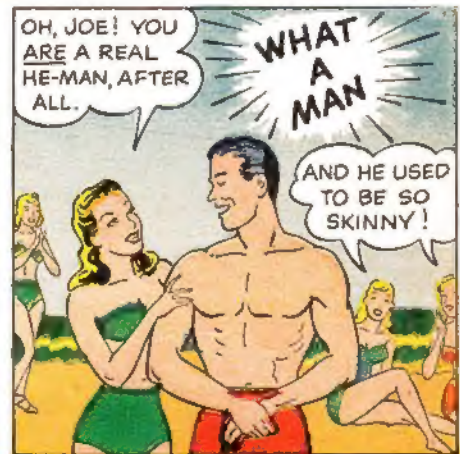
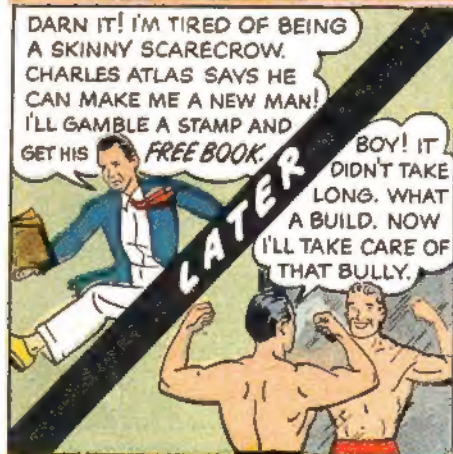
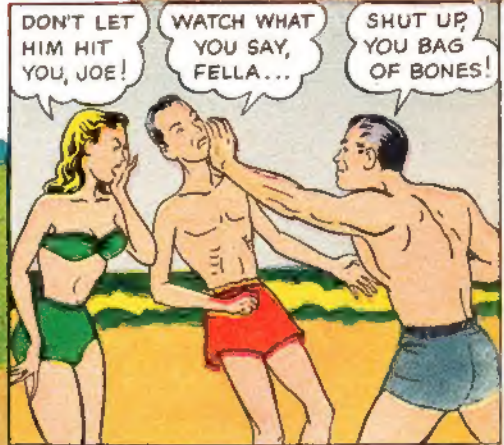
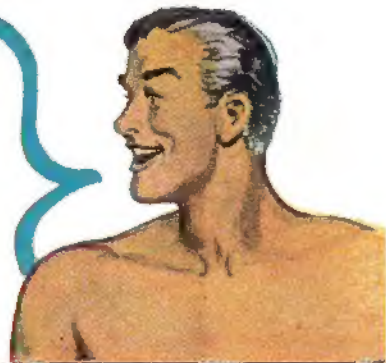
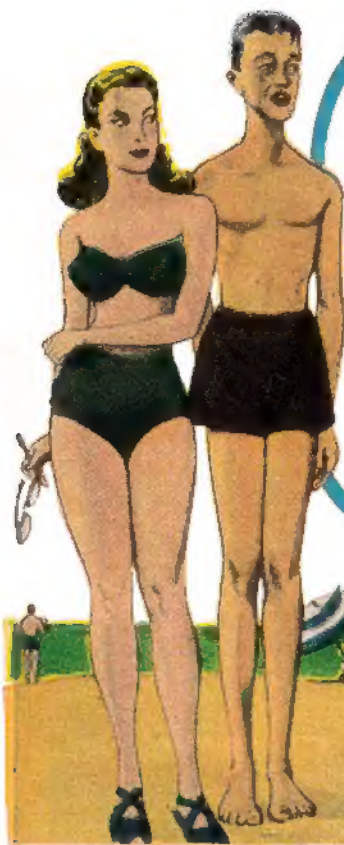
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